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## Measures proposed on safer highways

SPEED limits of 20mph could be imposed and roads narrowed under £400,000 plans to reduce accidents in Walsall town centre.

It follows more than 40 accidents in three years, the majority involving pedestrians being hit by cars.

Junctions could be altered and better crossing points installed as part of a review into routes in the heart of the town.

There have been 43 reported accidents in the centre from December 2009 to 2012, leading to Walsall Council looking at new safety measures.

### Assessed

Busy roads such as Bridge Street and Lichfield Street are being assessed, although any work is subject to funding being agreed. The project – worth an estimated £396,000 – has not been included in the current programme for the new financial year.

Transport chiefs say two of the accidents have been serious over the three-year period.

Transport boss Councillor Tom Ansell said: "The majority of the collisions have been slight personal injuries involving a conflict between pedestrians and vehicles. We have been looking at ways of reducing the potential for these incidents."

## Women is cut free from car

A 23-year-old woman had to be cut free from her black Fiesta car by firefighters and taken to Walsall Manor Hospital with multiple minor injuries after an accident on the Black Country Route on Saturday morning.

The accident near The Keyway Junction also involved a coach, operated by Solus Coaches in Tamworth. It was full at the time of the crash but nobody was injured.

The busy road had to be closed in both directions for around four hours while the central reservation barrier was repaired.

# SCHOOLS HOPING FOR EXTRA £1.2M

Report by Lisa O'Brien

**AN EXTRA £1.2 million will be ploughed into school improvements across Walsall to boost "learning environments," education bosses are due to announce.**

Work to transform run-down buildings will be carried out at junior, primary and nursery schools as part of a "significant investment." The money is being set aside for as part of Walsall Council's education capital programme in the coming months. Education bosses have backed the decision to carry out the improvements.

A report from education chief Councillor Rachel Andrew said: "In order to support the raising of educational attainment and achievement, these projects will provide improved learning environments for Walsall pupils and are part of the continued and significant investment in the buildings of Walsall schools."

"Every effort is being made to maximise the use of capital resources to secure the greatest benefit for the borough and Walsall is on track to spend all allocations within the spend periods."

Work is earmarked for a dozen schools and includes £205,000 on heating improvements at Blackwood in Streetly and £200,000 at Greenfield in Shelfield.

Boiler work worth £130,000 will be carried out at Whetstone Field in Aldridge, around £125,000 on electrics at Palfrey and £120,000 towards roofing at Pinfold Street in Darlaston. Others being lined up for works are Alumwell Nursery and the Infants, Delves Junior, Kings Hill Primary, Little Bloxwich, New Invention Infants, and Pelsall Village Primary.

### Borrowing

The schemes were due to be considered by members of the decision-making Walsall Cabinet last night (Wednesday).

The programme is made up of grant and borrowing powers from the Government, section 106 contributions and capital receipts. Schools are also required to make contributions.

It comes as the council prepares to end its multi-million pound contract with Serco next month. Remaining education and childcare workers are due to transfer back to the council.

Up to 300 staff are returning to the authority's payroll by the start of April as part of the termination of the £345 million contract with the private firm.

Workers in children's centres have already switched back. The final stage is now on track for a month's time.

The contract with the education provider was initially due to run until August. The decision to end the Serco agreement was made in 2011 with the council citing "major changes to Government policy," such as more schools becoming academies.

## Talks on future of pool used by pupils

TALKS are being held to decide the fate of a swimming pool considered an important resource for schoolchildren in Walsall.

The facility at Pelsall Education Development Centre in Rushall is under review along with other services there, including a nursery, a pupil referral unit and outdoor football pitches. Walsall Council has deemed the centre surplus to requirements.

Next month the local authority will end its contract with Walsall children's services Serco, which is based at the centre.

### Decision

Council bosses said each part of the building is being looked at in detail before any final decision is made.

Talks are taking place between council bosses and Rushall JMI School, which is in walking distance of the swimming pool which pupils use three times a week.

Headteacher Kate Bargh said: "Our key stage children access swimming there. They love it."

"It's giving them essential life skills."

"We haven't been told that it is going to close."

Councillor Adrian Andrew, Walsall Council's portfolio holder for regeneration, said: "Each building is being looked at in detail before any final decision is taken."

## Man denying OAP's murder

A 20-year-old man has appeared in court accused of the murder of a pensioner in a Willenhall flat.

Aiden Elmore pleaded not guilty to murder at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Monday. Victor Moore, 68, died of smoke inhalation when a fire tore through maisonettes in Southey Close on October 8 last year.

Elmore, of no fixed address, is also charged with four counts of arson in Southey Close and Wychbold Close, Willenhall. His trial will begin on April 29.

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## Pastor's words save fraudster from a jail sentence

A CHARITY worker who defrauded a church-funded group for vulnerable adults in Walsall of £4,000 has been spared a prison sentence.

Anthony Hall, 25, of Valley Road, Blakenall, held a senior position at the Glebe Centre, Walsall. Magistrates Court heard the defendant admit to withdrawing £4,430 from cashpoints using the charity's debit card in January this year.

Prosecuting, Mrs Maggie Meakin told the court last week that Hall had made 25 transactions on the card before throwing it away.

She said: "The charity realised that a large amount of money was missing and saw the deposits made from a card that was in the defendant's name. When police arrived at Mr Hall's house he told them that he knew why they were there and that he had put the card in a bin."

Mrs Sheila Hicklin, defending, told the court that Hall had worked his way up from a work placement to a management role. He was well-regarded by users of the centre and its managers.

"This man does not know why he

did what he did. He loved his job. It seems this was a moment of madness," she said.

Mrs Hicklin added that Pastor Stewart John Prebble, the charity's secretary, gave a very good account of Hall. "They were very saddened and disappointed at what happened because he was very highly thought of. He was in a senior position where he had lots of trust and responsibility."

Sentencing Hall to a 12-month supervision order and 140 hours unpaid work, District Judge

Michael Morris told him: "My initial response was to impose a custodial sentence. But after reading what Pastor Prebble has to say I have changed my mind. He hopes you have learned your lesson and that you seek to rebuild your own life."

"He says you would have had a fine career helping vulnerable people and that that you are recently celebrating the birth of your second child."

Hall, who pleaded guilty to fraud, was ordered to pay £1,000 compensation and a £60 victim surcharge.

# Five-year football ban for smoke bomb yob

A FOOTBALL fan who threw a smoke bomb on to the pitch during a Walsall home match has been given a five-year football match ban.

Away supporter Simon Ballantyne, aged 24, hurled the device onto the Banks's Stadium turf during the Saddlers' match against Notts County FC last month.

Walsall Magistrates' Court heard the defendant threw the minor explosive just as a penalty was due to be taken. When he was arrested officers found a quantity of the amphetamine drug Mephedrone, known as MCat on him.

Prosecutor Mrs Maggie Meakin said Ballantyne told officers he did not realise it was a criminal offence to throw the smoke grenade on to the pitch and he thought the drug was a "legal high."

Pc Jonathan Slay, of Nottingham Police, told the court: "Mr Ballantyne is associated with a group who are known to the police."

### Trouble

Pc Slay said Ballantyne previously received a caution for smashing a pub window with a traffic cone after Germany beat England in the 2010 World Cup.

Defending, Mr Umar Madni said the apprentice civil engineer, of Chiwell, had not previously been to court. "He purchased the smoke bomb from a joke shop in Birmingham before the game and didn't realise it would be a criminal offence to throw it onto the pitch," he said.

District Judge Michael Morris banned Ballantyne from all football matches for five years, and banned him from being near the stadium of Notts County and England fixtures anywhere in the country. He must also report to police before going abroad.

He was fined £330 for throwing the smoke grenade, ordered to pay £85 costs and £33 victim surcharge. He was fined £100 for possessing Mephedrone.

The new business will store goods to be distributed to franchises. Products such as car shampoo, polishes, sponges, pressure washer parts and air fresheners will be kept there.

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### Spray firm fire

A BLAZE at a vehicle spraying company in Brownhills damaged two lorries. The fire happened on March 5 at Wilcox Refinishers on Brownhills Business Park, Lndon Road. It was caused by an electrical fault.

## Make a splash with Aqua Zumba



Instructor Scott James and class members enjoy the new Aqua Zumba classes which are being held twice-weekly at the Joseph Leckie Academy in Walsall

AQUA Zumba sessions are being launched in the borough. The adapted sessions, to be held at Joseph Leckie Academy in Walsall, are carried out in a pool, offering support to those with weight or joint problems.

The resistance of the water also gives participants a greater workout, says Zumba trainer Scott James.

"Aqua Zumba has the usual Latin feel with all the fun and party-like atmosphere, but it's done in the water," said Mr James. "Certain individuals can sometimes struggle with Zumba because of the intensity of the workout, because they're pregnant or have joint problems."

"The positive thing with Aqua Zumba is it

doesn't matter if you're really obese or have any other problems, because of the support of the water."

"With Aqua Zumba customers may not feel like they're doing as much work when they take part because of the buoyancy. But actually working against the resistance of the water is harder work."

Mr James runs the sessions twice a week with classes taking place at the Waisted Road West school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Tuesday sessions are run from 6.30pm to 7.15pm. Classes cost £4.50.

To book call 07977 829199 or visit the website at [www.zumbawithscott.co.uk](http://www.zumbawithscott.co.uk)

## Cycle ride being held in memory of Ryan, 25

FRIENDS of a popular motorcyclist killed in a crash in Bloxwich have organised a charity bicycle ride in his memory.

Ryan Husted, 25, died on March 2 after his Kawasaki motorbike was involved in a collision with a car in Cresswell Crescent.

Hundreds of his friends are now preparing to cycle the 50 miles from Rushall to Shrewsbury on March 24 in his honour.

Friend Liam Rogers, 22, who is behind the ride, said those who knew Mr Husted wanted to do something special to celebrate his life and raise money.

### Silence

He said: "The money we raise will be going to his family and girlfriend to help with the funeral costs. We are going to ride past where Ryan died and past his house."

A convoy of bikes will be leaving from The Boathouse in Rushall at 8am, with the ride expected to take around four hours. His friends who take part will also be holding a minute's silence when they arrive in Shrewsbury.

Mr Rogers from Brownhills said: "Ryan had such a big heart. We wanted to do something that shows are thoughts are with him and his family."

## Roadshow at stadium will focus on skills

YOUNG people in Walsall will be able to find out about careers today (Thursday) at the Real Apprentice roadshow event.

Held to coincide with National Apprentice Week, the event will see training providers, council chiefs and employers attending at the Banks's Stadium from 2-8pm.

The event will include 'have-a-go' sessions' where young people will be able to try their hand at new skills.

### Highlight

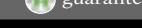
It will highlight the Walsall Works Programme which has helped nearly 90 young people begin an apprenticeship.

The programme provides learning opportunities in a number of sectors, including manufacturing and engineering, construction, information technology financial, professional and business services, health and social care.

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## Manager is charged in a £460,000 fraud case

A RECRUITMENT agency manager has been charged with defrauding the firm out of more than £460,000.

Christopher Moses, aged 26, of Willenhall, gave no indication of plea to the two charges of fraud by abuse of position between December 10, 2010 and January 4, 2013 when he appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court last week. Wearing a dark suit and blue shirt and tie, he spoke only to confirm his name and address.

### Gain

Moses, of Trentham Avenue, is charged with committing fraud while working for First Personnel as a business manager.

He is accused of dishonestly abusing his position and making a gain to the value of £461,109.79, intending to use the money for himself.

First Personnel has offices throughout the country.

Moses will next appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on May 28.

## Tuition plan at premises

AN EMPTY shop in Walsall formerly used by a plumbing business could be transformed into a tuition centre.

The proposals involve converting the former Milton Plumbing and Heating Ltd in Walstead Road. The building would be used by a couple who have been teaching children, aged five to 14, from a house in the borough for the past five years.

A report, submitted with the planning application to Walsall Council, reads: "Based on increasing demand, the applicant intends to increase the number of persons being taught at the premises to approximately 30 to 40."

### Grateful fundraiser

A GRATEFUL Walsall patient, who is a former nurse at the Manor Hospital, has made a donation to the Breast Care Self Help Group.

Linda Rammell, a clerk in the family health suite at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, handed over two TVs and a cheque for £1,800. The money came from a fundraising evening at the Saddlers Club. She successfully completed her treatment last July.

## Pub to become a shop

A LANDMARK pub in Willenhall will be transformed into a convenience store despite a petition of 345 names against the scheme.

The decision on the British Oak in Short Heath was made at Walsall Council's planning committee last week.

Moves to transform the British Oak, in High Road, into a shop were backed by the planning committee, despite concerns over the amount of similar businesses in the Lane Head area.

Ravinder Bhandal, of the nearby Nisa store, said residents and traders felt there was no need for another shop.

But the scheme was approved after members agreed with officers' recommendations it would contribute to the area.

However, the transformation of the Brown Jug pub site, in nearby Sandbach Road, into a supermarket creating 10 jobs was turned down.

Willenhall North councillor Ian Shires, of the committee, said: "It would threaten the viability of the district centre. People would come to this store and they wouldn't walk up the road."

"It would be really good to get a viable housing development in there which would compliment the area."

## Sight loss group launch

A NEW support group for people with sight problems is being launched in Walsall this month.

The Macular Society will hold the first get-together to boost confidence and independence on Monday, March 18.

The aim of the group is to offer information, encouragement and friendship to residents affected by the age-related condition which affects the central vision. Actress Dame Judi Dench has the condition.

Macular Society Group support and development manager Danny Gleeson said: "This new group is here for anybody affected by macular degeneration, we want to encourage people to come along. Friends and family are also very welcome."

"It's good to be able to learn from each other's experiences and get tips, the peer support is fantastic."

"Our groups can really help people increase in confidence and become more independent."

"The group will invite guest speakers on a variety of subjects, including macular conditions and their impact on our daily lives."

"The meetings are also social occasions where we can chat over a cup of tea."

The first meeting is being held at Walsall Blind Society, Hatherston Road, Walsall, between 11am and 1pm.

## NEWS in brief

### Roadworks spark bus time changes

A SHAKE-UP of bus services across the Black Country came into force last weekend.

Transport bosses at National Express say timetables are being improved for greater reliability and to improve punctuality for passengers.

At Lower Farm in Bloxwich the timetable is being revised because of concerns over unreliability which has been hampered by roadworks.

It will see services start from the Walsall bus station at 6.05am to Lower Farm at 6.24am with the final stop at 11.47pm with regular 12 minute picks.

### Advice sessions at night market

ENTREPRENEURS who will take up a stand at Walsall's second night market can get free business advice on making the most of the event on Thursday, March 28.

Two informal free advice events of 30 minutes will be held on Monday from 2-6pm and March 20 between 9am and 1pm at the Walsall Housing Group's offices at 100 Hatherston Street.

To book a session email [akshay@projectdeliveryteam.co.uk](mailto:akshay@projectdeliveryteam.co.uk)

### Factory inspired museum display

ARTWORK inspired by a factory in Walsall are part of an exhibition in the town.

Futuristic domes will be on show at Walsall Museum in Lichfield Street this month. They look similar to something from a sci-fi film but were inspired by JA Crabtree & Co, which once made switches, plugs and sockets.

### Saddlers Club to host craft event

A CRAFT fair will be held to raise money for Walsall FC's Saddlers Club.

The fair will take place on Saturday, March 23, at 9am for sellers and 10am for buyers, with tables still up for grabs at £5, £7.50 or £10. Entry is 30p. Book tables on 01922 649840 or 01922 621179.

### Church visit is part of Sunday ramble

WALSALL Ramblers will be heading on a 10-mile walk at Avoncroft, near Bromsgrove, on Sunday including a visit to Stoke Prior church. Call 01922 683616 or 01922 685672.

# Schemes for 100 new homes get go-ahead

WALSALL Council planners have given the green light for 100 new homes in the borough.

Regeneration schemes for 51 flats and houses in Tasker Street off Wednesbury Road near Caldmore, 25 on land in Willenhall and 18 in Bloxwich were agreed by councillors.

Housing developments granted permission were for a mix of 31 houses and 20 flats in Tasker Street and another 25 properties on the former Comet depot, in Walsall Road, Willenhall. Two derelict buildings at the rear of Market Place, will also be pulled down and replaced with new buildings for nine apartments.

Six houses will be built on parcels of land with half fronting Victoria Street and the others on to Bloxwich Road South.

A total of 18 units at the former Frances Sharpe House in Kempthorne Gardens, Bloxwich, will also become a reality.

### Deferred

However, a plan for 14 properties in place of the former Barley Mow in Goscole was deferred.

This came after concerns were raised about the design, highways issues, lack of an ecology report and the need for consultation with the public over the best way to co-ordinate a scheme for the now vacant site.

Issues were raised over the close proximity of the site to existing homes in Henley Road and 10 objections had been submitted.

Councillor Brian Douglas-Maul, who sits on the planning committee, said: "It is our duty to try and get the best design we can for a particular site."

A completion ceremony for the phased Waterfront South scheme, in Charles Street, which has taken almost three years to finish, was held last week.

Councillor Andrew was invited by

the Cannock-based builder Jessup,

which carried out the work with the help of Homes and Community

## Regeneration boss praises Waterfront



Building boss Clive Jessup and Walsall Council's deputy leader Adrian Andrew open the town's Waterfront flats

WALSALL regeneration chief Adrian Andrew has praised the development of more than 320 homes in Walsall town centre – part of a £65 million canalside project.

"We have come to the end of one of the largest housing developments in Walsall. Waterfront South has a truly wonderful character," said Councillor Andrew. "Sometimes it's hard to see the beauty of a development on paper, but to see it now in the flesh is something to behold."

Some 42 properties, known as the Waves complex, were the last of 322 homes to be built in three blocks along the South Waterfront development in

Agency funding, to launch the residential development.

"We have come to the end of one of the largest housing developments in Walsall. Waterfront South has a truly wonderful character," said Councillor Andrew. "Sometimes it's hard to see the beauty of a development on paper, but to see it now in the flesh is something to behold."

Also at the Waterfront, Walsall's Mayor officially opened the multi-million pound Premier Inn hotel.

It opened for business in October but Councillor Dennis Anson officially declared open the 100-bedroom hotel, off Wolverhampton Street, which has created 37 jobs.

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**SCIENTISTS** in East Anglia say half of Britain's 1.5 million deer should be culled to prevent "devastation" of the countryside. Any driver whose car has been written off by a Jaywalking muntjac will agree with that. But there is no need for wholesale slaughter. Britain has too many deer because we have exterminated all their natural predators. If the shy, beautiful Eurasian lynx were reintroduced to remote areas of our land, the deer problem would be sorted before you could say Bambo.

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**STREET** artists. Do they draw the crowds?

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**IN LIFE**, as in all the best jokes, the secret of success is timing. Last week came news of a great British breakthrough in driverless-vehicle technology. This week, scientists in Massachusetts have revealed a revolutionary coating which stops car windscreens steaming up. The way things are going, the Yanks will be making the first unsteamable windscreens at about the same time as the Brits are building the first cars without windscreens. Aw, shucks.

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**WE** went along to Wild Night Out, naturalist Chris Packham's one-man show which is currently touring Middle England. The affable Springwatch presenter and wildlife photographer is a great raconteur and he presents some breathtaking snaps of everything from pond-skaters to tigers. But what of his central ecological argument, that we can only have a thriving, animal-rich countryside if we Brits are prepared to pay more for food, thus encouraging less intensive farming? Try telling a struggling housing-estate mum that there could be barn owls and goshawks on every English farm - if only she would pay an extra £20 a week for food. We are a divided nation. A green, middle-class argument that brings applause in Lichfield or Leamington Spa goes down like a lead balloon in Bilton.

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**THERE** are two mysteries in ITV's new crime drama, Broadchurch. The first is who committed the murder. The second is why no senior officer has got a grip on the scruffy, stubby, newly promoted DI Hardy (David Tenant) and told him to smarten himself up.

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**JUST** supposing Britain and the United States were stupid enough to supply weapons to the ragtag insurgents in Syria, as the Syrian resistance is demanding. How long before those weapons would find their way into Afghanistan and be used against British and US troops? The road to Damascus, like the road to hell, is paved with good intentions.

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## Prostitute spared jail over brothel in flat

A PROSTITUTE who ran a brothel in a rented flat above shops in Walsall has been spared an immediate stint behind bars.

Lynne Smith operated the business from the property in Wolverhampton Road for two-and-a-half months. The 35-year-old managed the brothel and enlisted the help of two others.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week how police swooped on the premises on August 9. A number of documents, including clients' contact details, rotas and charges, were found in a bin at the rear of the flat.

Officers then carried out a search of Smith's home in Cemetery Road, Willenhall, where a CS gas canister and stun gun were found.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said the premises for the brothel had been rented by Smith under a different name for a three-month period.

It was said to rake in more than £1,300, although the court was told Smith insisted this was not a profit.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, said Smith had a "tumultuous" childhood and previously had a drug addiction.

## Debt

The mother, who has a teenage son and partner in the armed forces, had got into "spiralling debt" after moving into a new home.

He said: "She foolishly resorted to this work, it was a short-term enterprise."

Mr Garcha said a relative had found the stun gun and brought it home. The intention was to hand it over to the police. Smith insisted that she had no idea where the canister had appeared from.

Smith had pleaded guilty at a previous court hearing to the keeping of a brothel and two counts of having prohibited weapons. She was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and also given a three-month curfew from 6pm to 6am. This was in relation to using the flat for a brothel. There was no separate penalty for having the CS gas canister and stun gun.

Another woman was previously sentenced in connection with the address in Wolverhampton Road. Samantha Linton, who was working as a receptionist, admitted assisting in the management of a brothel at Walsall Magistrates Court last year. The 34-year-old from Wolverhampton was sentenced to a six-month community order with supervision, and 40 hours unpaid work.

## Couple in court on fraud charges

A CHILDREN'S centre manager has appeared in court accused of defrauding Walsall Council out of almost £8,000.

Lindsey Gill, who had the authority to sign cheques for work carried out for the council, is charged with altering a number of cheques in favour of herself or her husband Eamon Gill who worked as a contractor.

Lindsey Gill, aged 54, who ran Fibbersley Park Children's Centre in Willenhall, and Eamon Gill, 53, are jointly charged with fraud amounting to £4,985 between February and May 2011 by abusing their position within the council.

Bail

Mrs Gill alone faces a further charge in respect of £2,766 between January and March of that year.

The pair of Vale Street, Upper Gornal, Dudley, gave no indication of plea.

They were given unconditional bail to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court for a plea and case management hearing which is scheduled to be held on May 24.

## Manor set to take on extra patients

**EXTRA** patients will be sent to Walsall Manor Hospital under £70 million plans to down-grade Stafford and Cannock hospitals.

The Manor may get extra funding and staff to help it pick up the pieces from the scandal-hit Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust.

Experts from health watchdog Monitor have outlined proposals for the future of the troubled Mid Staffs trust after it was declared "financially and clinically unsustainable". But they will impact on Walsall Manor, as well as Wolverhampton's New Cross and University Hospital North Staffordshire. All three hospitals will take on the serious care cases from Stafford and Cannock.

Walsall Manor boss Richard Kirby said they would prepare themselves for any rise in patient numbers.

Hospital chiefs have already reported a 30 per cent rise in the number treated from April to December last year, with the overnight closure of Stafford's A&amp;E department.

Mr Kirby said there had been a particular surge in patients from Cannock area. He added: "We continue to prepare for any further increase in patient demand that may occur following the announcement made by Monitor."

One in five patients would be treated at the Manor, New Cross or University Hospital North Staffordshire under the changes proposed by Monitor.

Emergency surgery would no longer take place at scandal-hit Stafford Hospital, women would no longer give birth there and its A&amp;E department would be downgraded.

## Pub packed for talent show



Pick of the pub talent - here are some of the contestants who were taking part in the E-Factor entertainment competition held at The Longhorn Inn, Sutton Road, Walsall

ABOUT 300 people packed into a pub to hear sixteen acts compete. At the Longhorn Inn, Sutton Road, Walsall, singer Emily Summers, 24, took the £100 first prize with her version of a Bette Midler ballad.

She goes on to this month's final of the E-Factor competition, which is being run at 11 West Midlands Ember pubs, part of Mitchell &amp; Butler. She may win a further £400.

The Longhorn's staff built a stage for the event, complete with sparkly curtains and balloons. Manager Esther Bennett said: "It was a brilliant night. The stage looked spectacular and the amount of talent on show was fantastic."

"Emily was amazing, a really worthy

winner. Her singing was so lovely it brought tears to my eyes. We've got our fingers crossed that she will go far in the final."

Esther and her assistant manager Stephanie Chang performed a finale duet of Abba's Thank You For The Music with the contestants acting as a backing group.

The pubs hope to raise £5,000 to be divided amongst local charities. The Longhorn itself raised more than £17,000 last year, including £5,000 for a heart monitor for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

She said: "The whole pub was singing along. It was a great way to end the night."

The final to be held on Saturday, March 23, at The Hardwick Arms, Streetly.

## Recruitment day a success

AN EVENT to help people in Walsall with disabilities has been hailed a success.

The first Ability First recruitment event was held at the New Art Gallery, with around 80 people attending. It aims to give disabled people paid work placements and training.

Walsall Council finance boss Councillor Chris Towe said: "Recruit-Ability is very much about giving people with disabilities the opportunity to find meaningful work placements where they can develop their existing skills as well as acquire new ones. I know from talking to people who are currently on placements how worthwhile they are and how they genuinely help people's employment prospects. I'm really pleased that we had around 80 people attend our recent event."

## Fire damages unit

A BLAZE damaged half an industrial unit in Willenhall. Firefighters were called out to the fire at car body repairs firm Triton Garage, in Stringes Lane, last week.

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# Mother allowed drugs to be grown

A MOTHER of three "presumed" by a boyfriend to set up a cannabis farm at her Walsall home was given a suspended prison sentence.

Police discovered £9,900 worth of the drug and a "sophisticated" hydroponic system in a tent in a spare room beside the bedroom of Emily Brown's children.

Police called at the address in Talke Road, Delves, on November 14 on an unrelated matter when they smelled cannabis and saw some of the drug on a kitchen work surface, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Brown admitted that it was being grown upstairs, where there were 22 plants up to 2ft high under cultivation, said prosecutor Mr Alka Brigue.

Brown, aged 32 and of previous good character, told officers that she had been pressurised into allowing the drugs to be grown on the premises by a boyfriend she declined to identify.

## Presents

Mr Christopher O'Gorman, defending, said: "She was told that she would be given £100 for Christmas presents for the children but did not even get that."

Brown admitted allowing premises to be used for cannabis production and was given a six-month jail sentence suspended under supervision for 18 months, ordered to do 80 hours unpaid work and told to pay £440 costs.

Judge Michael Challinor said: "I accept that you were drawn into this by naivety. You felt you could not get out of it and were to some extent relieved when the police arrived."

## Scheme to seal aqueduct leak

A £120,000 project has been launched in the latest attempt to stop a Grade II listed aqueduct in Great Barr from leaking.

The four-week scheme will see specialist teams drilling 150mm to 200mm deep holes along the edge of the towpath alongside the aqueduct before injecting them with a resin.

Once set, the resin should fill any small holes within the brickwork and prevent any further leaks and water seeping out from the aqueduct on to Spouthouse Lane below.

# Rent rise could mean empty market stalls

A RISE in rent for stallholders at the 800-year-old Walsall market will create empty spaces, the chairman of the town's Market Traders Association has warned.

Tony Larmer has warned the £5-a-day rent increase, which will come into force in April, will have an impact on the look of the popular market.

Mr Larmer said: "At the moment, we have got a good market. If it affects traders financially and they can't afford to run, they will find an alternative market or have to pack up, we are no different to shops."

"I would say it is going to create a few empty spaces. It could be counter-productive and cost the council money."

Mr Larmer said a number of traders had complained about the rent increase, approved as part of plans to help save more than £13 million in the next year.

He added: "Nobody is happy about it, we have had lots of complaints from traders. The market could look half empty."

Walsall Council announced plans to raise rents at the 98 stalls last year. Rent currently varies from £20 to £40 with 65 paying the higher tariff.

## Consistent

Council bosses say stall rents have not increased since 2009 and have been delayed as long as possible, but are consistent with a rise in charges for other services.

Plans were unveiled earlier this year to relocate the town's market to make way for multi-million pound regeneration plans in the town centre.

The town centre's Source of Ingenuity fountain, dubbed

the 'Hair in the Square', could be moved to make way for it, under proposals to move the market to The Bridge permanently.

Independent experts have said the best place for the market is a new home on The Bridge pedestrian area and Bradford Street.

It has also emerged the ancient market could trade for an extra day each week to help raise part of the £1.1 million investment said to be needed to help it thrive in a new location.

Initial funding plans suggest that additional income could be raised to repay the cost of the investment over a period of 10 to 15 years.

The rent increase for traders was approved recently.

# NEWS

## in brief

### Hospice shops to get a new image

WALSALL St Giles Hospice charity shops across the Black Country have been rebranded.

Signs at the stores are being changed to Shop St Giles, to tie in with the new branding of the charity's hospice shops.

Stores will no longer display the Walsall Hospice logo, which dates back to before St Giles merged with the charity.

Lywynn Truesdale, head of retail for St Giles, said: "When shoppers see a St Giles shop they can be confident it will be full of quality products at value-for-money prices."

### Arsonists cause fires at The Lea

ARSONISTS have been causing fires on green space in Walsall, just weeks after it emerged lurcher dogs have been baiting other pets and wildlife.

There were at least five grass fires in and around The Lea in Goscole during February. It is the latest spate of anti-social behaviour and comes as groups including Friends around the Lea are working to restore the beauty spot.

### Craft fair opens at village venue

TRADERS and craftsman from across Walsall will be selling their goods at a craft fair in Pelsall on Saturday.

More than 40 stall holders will be selling items from Jewellery made from recycled glass to flower arrangements at Pelsall Community Centres' bi-annual craft fair. Entrance to the event at the hall in Station Road is 40p and it is on from 10am till 4pm.

### Fighting crime on public transport

THIEVES are being targeted in a month-long police crackdown to reduce crime on Walsall buses and trains. West Midlands Police have promised to stop a yearly pattern that has seen thefts on public transport rise by more than 20 per cent in March.

### Up to £30k haul is stolen in shop raid

MASKED raiders armed with hammers threatened staff and stole up to £30,000 from a Walsall shop. Three robbers forced workers to open a safe and tills at Martins News and post office in Park Hall on March 2.

# Second town centre cinema is proposed

A NINE-screen cinema, restaurants and bars will be built at the Walsall Waterfront development under new plans.

It is the second cinema scheme earmarked for Walsall town centre in the space of a month. Developer Kier Property said the £12 million leisure complex would complete the Waterfront. The 64,500 sq ft scheme includes not only a cinema but also 36,800 sq ft for restaurants and bars, plus 196 car parking spaces.

Proposals will go on show to the public ahead of a formal planning application being submitted later this month.

James Nicholson, Kier Property's senior development manager, said: "The site has been identified as the premier leisure destination in Walsall and will attract additional footfall, and our proposals will encourage linked shopping trips by improving pedestrian walkways to the rest of the town centre.

## Jobs

The development will create new jobs for local people."

A walkway on the northern side of the canal would be landscaped with a new footpath added. Links to the town's railway station and main shopping area in Park Street would also be improved.

Walsall's regeneration councillor Adrian Andrew said: "This is brilliant news for the Waterfront and I have been working for many years to secure a cinema in Walsall after being told by consultants 'no chance'. Now we have two interested in our town and we are delivering for Walsall."



Walsall parents Jason and Samantha with daughters Grace, three, and baby Romany-Alice Wilkes, and their restored classic 1950s Royale Lincoln pram

## Vintage pram is restored by father

IT could have come straight from the set of period TV drama Call the Midwife but instead this vintage pram is turning heads in Walsall.

Proud owners Jason Wilkes and Samantha Bannister snapped up the original 1950s Royale Lincoln for £57 on ebay – then spent £450 renovating it.

The couple, of Bloxwich Lane, Beechdale, shunned more sophisticated modern buggies for the 1959 classic.

Window fitter Jason bought the pram last April as a virtual shell and finished working on it just in time for the arrival of daughter Romany-Alice last month.

He said: "The metalwork was rusted, and the hood and apron were missing. I had to start from scratch but I had a little money put by and was able to work on it off and on in my spare time."

"Sam wasn't even pregnant when we bought the pram. It started out as a hobby but the race was soon on to get it finished."

He added: "I've never done anything like this before. I've just been made redundant, so maybe it's something I might look at doing professionally."

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## IN MY VIEW

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HAVING spotted Aylly burying his much-loved budgie in the garden, Aynuk inquired about the cause of the death.

"Baerd flu" replied Aylly.

"Baerd flu? How did he get that?" asked Aynuk, surprised.

"I dunno, I just opened the doover an' he flu under the buzz."

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TRUTH be told, I think my copy must have got lost in the post. But I am reliably informed by avid readers of the clinicians' journal BMC Medical that three pork sausages a day is a passport to an early grave.

Or more than two bacon rashers. As for pork scratchings or faggots and paes, even the mention of their very name is enough to give the good medics a fatal coronary. Which would presumably result in a premature death for them too.

According to an international investigation, it seems that processed meat, or maet as we call it in the Black Country, has joined the already massive list of things we are not supposed to eat.

Apparently, if we eat more than one ounce of processed meat a day, we will almost certainly die from an overdose of iron. That is if the cholesterol does not get to us first. Or the nitrates, which are added to improve the flavour, and presumably mask the taste from the liberal helpings of horse meat.

Of course, as many a Black Countryman will testify, there are certain pubs in the region where irksome questions about the nutritional content of processed meat products will lead to premature death, far more instantaneous than anything associated with the risks of a few too many carcinogens. Even so it makes for depressing reading.

Speaking as one who, on recent government advice, has cut down alcohol consumption to just five nights a week, it was bad enough hearing that even fizzy pop is now viewed as a potential killer. Apparently it should be taxed at 20 per cent, presumably in a bid to cut down on the menace of binge lemonade drinkers who wreak havoc in our city centres every Saturday night.

If the experts are to be believed, a diet of muesli, vegetables and water is our only hope if we are to avoid imminent and painful death. And only then if we get our obligatory five a day.

I don't know about you, but that's a prospect which fills me with dread. Which is just as well. According to another survey, anxious pessimists live longer than the rest of the population.

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ON the subject of a vegetarian diet, it has just been revealed that several veggie lasagnes have been caught up in the horse meat scandal. Apparently they have been contaminated with unigourn.

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A TEENAGE boy in the Black Country. Is he a monsoon?



Kate Williams presents an award to Jo Yarnall



Check your watch and get ready on the starting line



Mayor Dennis Anson congratulates the runners

## THROUGH THE YEARS

## 1983...

A FACTORY worker from Coseley found himself at the centre of a full-scale drama after blinking at work. Three fire engines and an ambulance turned up to BJR Developments in Anchor Lane, Coseley, after Stephen Holmes got some grit in his eye. The accident had been misreported by an employee.

HUNDREDS of town hall staff and manual workers demonstrated outside Walsall council house in opposition to proposed wage cuts. Council chiefs had failed to agree over plans to curb spending and reduce the rates.

GRANDMOTHER Mabel Parkes had the mighty Coal Board at her mercy after finding out she was sitting on black gold. Mrs Parkes, whose husband Len was a former coalminer, entered into negotiations with the board after finding out there was 100,000 tons of quality coal under her Great Wyrley home.

## 1993....

A FORMER Wolverhampton family's ski holiday in Scotland was fraught with problems. Mrs Trudy Guy was knocked over by another skier, her seven-year-old son Andrew had to be stretchered off and 10-year-old Simon arrived at Inverness Hospital with a broken shin.

## 2003...

THE owner of a Wolverhampton shop with only one sink received his annual water bill for nearly £1,000. Nigel Teather, owner of Photo Mecca was billed £964.76 for 1993-94, despite having no hot running water. A spokesman for Severn Trent said water rates were based on rateable value not the amount used.

A WOLVERHAMPTON couple were left with a sinking feeling after a surveyor's report confirmed their house was sliding into the ground. Christopher and Patricia Sweet demanded to be moved from their home in Hamilton Gardens, Bushbury.

"What pleases me more than anything is that there's a real community spirit among runners," said Tipton Harrier Mrs Williams, whose husband Martin also takes part in the park runs.

It's got it's own little community now and lots of people have become friends through it.

"We get all sorts of people taking part, some are serious runners others haven't done any running for ages."

She added: "Not only do people get the health benefits of it but they also get social benefits too."

## Abilities

Over the past 12 months, there have been 50 park runs – including one on Christmas Day when 35 people turned up with 971 runners taking part.

The average number of runners taking part in the run each week is 67.

Between then, park runners have completed 17,280km over the past year.

Runners of all abilities can take part, with finishing times and points totals recorded on a special website.

The oldest runner to take part was in his 70s, while some new mothers have also brought their youngsters along to complete the course in their pushchairs.

For more information see [www.parkrun.org.uk/walsall](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/walsall)



On the Saturday morning run – participants say it sets you up for the day

Mrs Elwell explained: "People have come from quite far away to take part."

"You find people come and visit their family in Walsall and so they come and do it. We've had people from as far away as Scotland do it."

"Afterwards we go to the pub in Broadway North and have a drink and breakfast."

She added: "The only thing that might put people off is that it's early on a Saturday morning and after a long week at work it might not seem too appealing."

"But you find once you've done it you feel great and it sets you up for the day."

Every runner gets points based on the amount of appearances they put in and

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money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done.

We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service Walsall and the surrounding area and Brian

is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people

I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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## Concern for sight impaired children

SUPPORT for children and young people who have special educational needs or who are disabled can make a huge difference to their lives and those of their families.

The Government plans to make changes to this vital support but hasn't fully recognised the needs of children and young people with sight loss and the kind of support they need. The Children and Families Bill is being discussed by MPs now.

I am sure I won't be alone in being very worried about the impact these changes will have on children with a visual impairment in our area who rely on the support of local services.

I want to let other readers know that they can take action to help make sure that the right support is provided to those who need it. The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) is keen to hear from anyone who may be affected or is interested in finding out more about the proposed changes and how they can help to make sure the Government gets this right.

Get involved and voice your concerns by contacting [www.rnib.org.uk/childrensbill](http://www.rnib.org.uk/childrensbill) or the RNIB campaign hotline on 020 7391 2123.

MS TONI ARMSTRONG  
Haley Street  
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**LETTERS**

## Easy pickings in bus lane due to 'petty' traffic rule

I HEARD from a friend about the shop robbery in Park Hall on Saturday, March 2, when three masked raiders with hammers threatened staff before making off with £30,000 in cash.

Terrible crime, awful for the staff involved and I do really hope the police arrest these dangerous criminals soon.

That same afternoon, whilst driving through town I noticed two police officers at the bottom of Hatherton Street, where it meets the internal ring road opposite the Registry Office. They were pulling over cars who had ignored Walsall Council's stupidest, pettiest traffic rule, 10 yards of green tarmac marked as 'buses only'. This is designed to send all cars off course and out onto the ring road, through the 'illuminations' coloured light bulb monstrosity outside of the Arboretum (the council's stupidest traffic construction) and down Lichfield Street to get back to where they originally intended to go.

I use George Street a lot, so that short 'buses only' track and the 'no right turn' rule outside the Fiesta food bar are a real pain for me!

If I'd have known about the robbery at that time (and if I'd have been brave enough!) I would have asked the two police officers what they were doing to catch those three dangerous criminals on the loose, but I guess that might have caused me a delay with my journey, while they checked the tread on my tyres. But then I suppose stopping drivers over silly rules is easier than catching dangerous criminals.

Walsall Council's childish vendetta against car users is bad enough in itself, without officers wasting police time (and our money) harassing motorists who harmlessly disobey their spiteful, vindictive, anti-driver campaign with pointless little rules. As a car driver, I feel that my council hates me. Do you know what? I think I hate them too!

JEREMY SMITH  
Walsall

## Time to fine the zig-zag parkers

FOLLOWING the letters from Concerned Parent and Roy Sheward, I should have thought that because some of the cars were evidently parked on zig-zag lines, it should have been possible for the head teacher to ask the police somewhere to have a constable or community officer of some kind to take the numbers of the offending cars and issue a summons of some description, followed by a fine.

C RICHARDSON  
Walsall

## Stop cautions for knives

MOST people caught by police for carrying a knife are cautioned. If you carry a knife, or adapted or fashioned implement without just cause, ie work tool, new carving knife still in wrapper, etc, you should be prosecuted as you would for carrying a gun.

People who carry such devices do so with only one intention, to use them. It is not good enough for police chiefs to issue orders to caution rather than prosecute, to suppress crime figures. It is not good enough for courts and magistrates to pressure police to reduce the number of

offenders sent to court. It is not good enough for this Government to limit the number of prisons in order to show the world that this is a safe place to live.

If a 16-year-old school girl can be murdered on a bus in broad daylight, how can this be a safe place to live?

Put feet on the beat with more stop and search. This knife culture should stop now for the sake of our children and the safety of everyone.

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## NEWS

### Free parking at night market

FREE parking will be on offer in Walsall town centre when the night market returns later this month in a bid to pull in more shoppers.

The second night market will be held on Thursday, March 28. Walsall Council's transport chief Tom Ansell said there would be no charge to use its car parks from 3pm on the day.

proves a success with shoppers.

Councillor Ansell added: "We aim to bring more people into the town and boost the shopping up. It's an experiment. We've already had one night market but this is the first time we will introduce free parking."

## Family in shock at diabetes diagnosis



Mick with 'Just Bev' and Phil Ruston  
A GRANDFATHER whose wife died of a diabetes-related illness is fundraising after his grandson was diagnosed too.

Mick Russell's wife, Tina, died in 2006 aged 41. She had type 1 diabetes for 20 years. Now Walsall boy Tyler, the grandson of Mr Russell, of West Bromwich, has been diagnosed with diabetes.

To mark his 51st birthday, Mr Russell held a first fundraising night for Diabetes UK, raising £250 at The Wheatsheaf, Carters Green, West Bromwich, with Tipton entertainer Just Bev and "draw master" Phil Ruston, of West Bromwich.

Mr Russell said: "Diabetes is so under estimated. It does not get the same publicity as some of the other major diseases but it can be a killer."



Mick Russell's wife Tina died in 2006. Mrs Russell first found she had type 1 diabetes in the late 1980s. She had a relatively normal life until her condition deteriorated and for the last six years of her life she was in and out of hospital.

Tyler, of Walsall, collapsed in the summer and retired salesman Mr Russell said: "It was complete shock."

### Determined

"We thought we had gone through that horror struggle in our lives but now we might have to go through it again. At least he is more aware of what happened. He has already said he is determined not to go to sleep like nano."

Mr Russell hopes to raise £1,000 for Diabetes UK from his events.

The second event is yet to be organised.



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## NEWS

## Fair in aid of borough's abandoned cats



Walsall cats protection volunteers Val Turner and Karen Willis with a cat and her two kittens that need a new home. A SPRING fair will be held in Pelsall on Saturday to help raise vital funds for Walsall Cats Protection.

Volunteers have issued an urgent appeal for more fosterers to help the borough's abandoned cats and kittens, with more than 30 currently in the charity's care.

They are looking for loving families to come forward to rehome some of the cats. To raise awareness and funds, Walsall Borough Cats Protection will be holding its annual spring fair at Pelsall Cricket Club, Walsall Road, 11am to 2pm. For more information see the website [www.walsall.cats.org.uk](http://www.walsall.cats.org.uk).

## Legion branch is to close

**SPIRALLING costs and dwindling numbers have been blamed for the closure of Bloxwich Royal British Legion Club.**

The venue in Broad Lane Gardens is used for bingo, meetings, indoor car boots sales and functions.

Boss Mick Butterfield said the planned closure of the building on March 31 would be a sad day for the

club and the town. The reluctant decision to call time on the popular club was made at the annual meeting.

Mr Butterfield, who has run the club for more than eighty years, said: "It has been dwindling for the past few years and attendances have been down."

### Smoking

What with the smoking ban and the increasing price of beer, a lot of people have not been coming to the clubs quite so much.

"A lot of members who were in their 50s and 60s don't want to have to go outside for a cigarette. There's a lot of sadness about it closing but, at the end of the day, we have been facing increasing costs... but still getting the same income."

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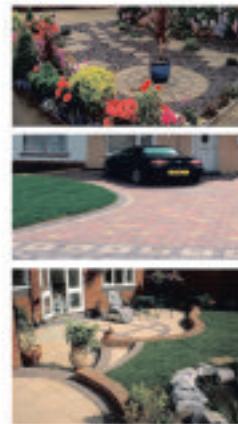
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## NEWS

# Population explosion leads to call for major deer cull



With deer numbers on the increase there could be more incidents of deer straying into urban areas, like this incident caught on camera in 2011 when a pair of deer were seen in Proffitt Street, Walsall, near busy Bloxwich Road NUMBERS of deer on Cannock Chase could be dramatically reduced - if new proposals are implemented.

research showed that only by killing 50 to 60 per cent of deer can their numbers be kept under reasonable control. This is a slaughter on a far greater scale than the 20 per cent to 30 per cent culling recommended before.

### Shot

With deer numbers estimated at about 1.5 million, it could mean more than 750,000 being shot each year.

Deer are said to be having a devastating effect on woodland, damaging crops, causing road accidents and threatening public safety in urban areas.

Shooting by trained and licensed hunters is the only practical way to keep their populations in check, according to Dr Paul Dolman, from the University of East Anglia.

"I don't think it's realistic to have wolves and brown bears in rural England," he said at a news briefing in London. "In the absence of natural predators, the only way to manage them is to shoot them."

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## NEWS

## Pillow talking



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A BETTER night's sleep should be on the way to dozens of people after 80 pillows were donated to the Salvation Army.

Contractors Shaylor Group, which has offices in Wharf Approach, Anchor Brook Industrial Park, Aldridge, has carried out more than 30 repair and maintenance projects nationwide for the charity over the last five years.

The pillows will be handed out to homeless people in Walsall and the remaining stock will be sold at the citadel's charity shop, in Green Lane near Crown Wharf.

The Salvation Army's Walsall corps minister, Captain Tim Stubbs said: "We are delighted with this generous donation from Shaylor. Each and every one of these pillows will make a difference to a local person in need."

Shaylor's director Martin Chambers said: "We have worked with the Salvation Army in the past. It has been repair and maintenance work up and down the country."

## Dust row set to go on for months yet

A DECISION on enforcement action against a waste firm in a long-running Darlaston dust row may take months, council bosses say

AB Waste has been criticised by mourners who say dust from their business etches on headstones at James Bridge Cemetery.

Two Walsall Council enforcement notices were served after operations on two sites increased without planning permission.

Regeneration chief, Councillor Adrian Andrew, said that they had sent written evidence and were waiting for Planning Inspectorate site visits, which would delay any action.

### Appealed

The Cemetery Road firm used the site of the former Railway Tavern, Kendricks Road, and the Junction Works site, off Cemetery Road, without planning consent.

It has appealed against the enforcement notice served for the Junction Works site and the landowner of the former Railway Tavern site has also appealed.

Councillor Andrew said: "Frustratingly, we are in the hands of a legal process."

The Junction Works notice, served on September 21, gave a month from the notice taking effect to stop bringing material in and six

The company refused to comment.

### Saddlers legend helps hospice

A CHARITABLE fund set up by Villa and Walsall legend Steve Staunton gave £4,000 to St Giles Walsall Hospice.

It was raised after an autumn ball at Aston Wood Golf Club, organised by the Stephen Staunton Foundation and attended by about 300. The ex-Aston Villa, Liverpool, Walsall and Republic of Ireland defender said: "My good friend Zoe Martin was very close to Elaine Fletcher, who was cared for by St Giles Hospice."

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## NEWS

# Teacher's now reflecting on weight loss success



James Bentley, from Hednesford, before he lost weight



How the teacher looks now after shedding 11st 7lbs

**A HEDNESFORD teacher is now only half the man he used to be – after being shamed into dieting by what he saw in the mirror.**

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at Pye Green Valley Primary and Kingsmead Technology College, teaches at Oldbury Academy. He said: "I decided to lose weight over the summer holiday and just saw it as a short-term thing."

### Surprised

"I went along to the Weight Watchers meeting in Brownhills on a Saturday morning and was surprised when I lost one and a half stone in just six weeks. I decided to carry on and the weight has managed to keep coming off and now I feel much better."

"When I put the weight on I was quite happy in myself and felt I didn't need to diet. However, one day I looked in the mirror and thought 'who is that person'?"

James has now joined a group of other slimmers who are doing the Coast to Coast bike ride to raise £6,000 in aid of The Rainbow Trust Children's Charity. In April they will cycle 136 miles from Whitehaven, across the Pennines to Tynemouth in three days.

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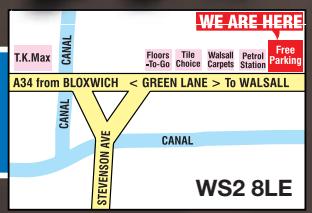


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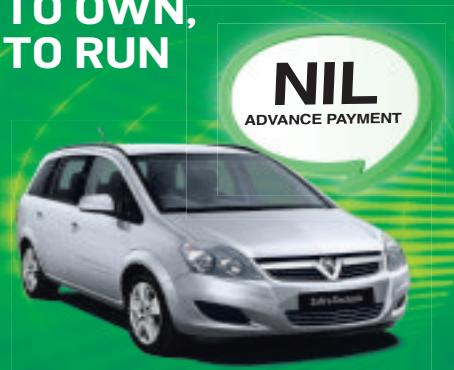
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## NEWS

### Look what's in store at the arts and crafts barn

FORGET television and computer games – one way to fire a child's imagination is to take them to the Scrap Barn.

The shop at Chasewater Country Park is filled with a range of arts and crafts items, which have been donated by companies and are then sold cheaply to the public. Shoe boxes, marbles, beads and buttons are alongside pieces of sponge, furry material, balls of wool and squares of felt.

The shop was an initiative set up by Saxon Hill School, Lichfield, and is run by the school's assistant business manager Wes Morris.

"We get material from a range of sources including a saddle maker, a curtain producer, a fancy dress maker and a car seat company," says Wes, 35, who lives in Brownhills.

#### Wedding

"People can let their imaginations run wild – we had a bride come in and buy some of the shoe boxes and material to make items for her wedding."

"Parents who want to keep their children busy buy scraps of material that their children can use on a rainy day to make pictures or toys. We encourage children to come in and have a rummage through the material bins – we don't worry about them making a mess."

Wes says the not-for-profit shop was set up to help students at the special school get work experience.

"The school had been looking at ways of providing work-based business opportunities to young people," says Wes, who has been at the school for five years and before that was retail manager at Tesco in Cannock.

"Children join the school from the



Managing director Wes Morris and marketing and PR co-ordinator Lucy Wood at the Scrap Barn which recycles and sells donated craft items

age of two and a half and they leave at 19, and during that time they are kept in a family environment and then they are thrown into a totally different world when they start work."

Wes says disabled teenagers often struggle to get work and the shop offers them voluntary, and occasionally paid positions. "First we opened the shop at Saxon Hill School in April last year and we soon realised we need more space," he says. "In August we took on this unit at Chasewater Country Park and it took a couple of months to get it how we wanted it and we opened to the public in October."

Wes says the shop's location is excellent as during the spring and summer they get a range of visitors. The shop, which is on the look-out for volunteers, is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as well as Saturday mornings.

Two customers are Duncan and Katie Hammond from Burntwood who were looking for items to use in craft projects. Katie, 32, says: "I like doing

craft projects and materials can be quite expensive to buy but looking around the scrap barn has given me a few ideas. It is good to support local businesses."

Someone who started as a volunteer at the shop but is now an employee, is Lucy Wood, 25, who was a pupil at Saxon Hill. Lucy, of Handsacre, suffers from cerebral palsy and says even though she has a media degree she has struggled to find work.

"I worked for the BBC for one and a half years but when the contract ended, and they were getting rid of people, I didn't know what to do," she says. "I went through a stage where I was quite low as I was applying for jobs and not getting anywhere. I started doing voluntary work for the scrap barn and now I'm a paid employee."

Lucy says because money made at the shop is reinvested into the business they are now looking at taking on another unit at Chasewater where they can run craft workshops.

## NEWS

## Class act as author Alex books in



Children's author Alex Scarrow visits Tettenhall College. Pictured back, from left, Charlie Gwilt, Ellen Hartley, Eve Foley, Jemma Godfrey, Alexandra Clarke and Hannah Mills who all enjoyed hearing extracts from his book

YOUNGSTERS from schools across Willenhall and Wolverhampton had a treat when author Alex Scarrow visited Tettenhall College.

More than 100 pupils from Smestow, Pool Hayes, Kings School and Tettenhall College, met the writer who read extracts from his latest book Time

Riders – The Pirate Kings. The visit was organised by the Wolverhampton children's book group as a way of encouraging more students to read.

Librarian Debbie Liddle said: "The pupils were absolutely enthralled. They were silent the whole time while listening to Alex read and afterwards

we sold out of copies of his book because they all wanted to buy it. He was really energetic and his passion came across as he was reading."

Tettenhall College is celebrating its 150th anniversary. A stained glass window has been unveiled in the chapel and other events are planned.

## Bid to boost town hall use

**SPORTS** and community groups have been approached to see if they would like to hold events at Darlaston Town Hall.

Meetings have been held between local groups and officers from Walsall Council's sport and leisure services over plans to boost the number of events held there.

The newly formed Friends of Darlaston Town Hall group has been campaigning to see more activities held at

the Victoria Road venue. Members say exercise, dance and fitness classes are being scheduled to run from Monday to Wednesday evenings, with the rest of the week available for people to rent for events.

### Look

Indoor bowls, skittles and afternoon social gatherings are being considered. The Friends also say the doors of the venue will be open during the day from April for people to look around. Currently, it is open only for bookings or pre-planned events.

Steps being taken to boost the use of the hall were revealed at a meeting between Friends and council officers.

Councillor Rose Burley, organiser of the Friends of Darlaston Town Hall, said: "We very much welcome the positive steps that have been taken signalling what we believe to be a way forward for the ongoing use of this historic and iconic building at the heart of Darlaston."

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another  
fine mess**CHASE TERRACE**  
**LADIES**

SEVERAL members of the club attended the funeral of our dear friend Val Millward. The club made a donation to Cancer Research.

The February meeting saw Laurel and Hardy, slapstick comedy black and white films and had a talk about the pair.

They made 100 films between 1917 and 1950 for Hal Roach studios.

Oliver Hardy died in 1957 aged 65 and his partner Stanley Laurel did in 1964 aged 75.

He married his first wife once, his second wife twice, and his third wife three times.

He was born in Ulverston, England, and Hardy was born in Georgia; USA.

Laurel had been raised in British music halls.

Hardy, who catchphrase was "another fine mess", had been destined for a military career but opened a movie theatre instead. He next found work as an actor in Florida. Hardy later moved to Hollywood and by the mid-1920s was working as an all-purpose comic at the Hal Roach studio.

We saw Oliver the Eighth from 1934 which was an 'A' certificate as there was some violence in it and the Oscar-winning The Music Box which was made in 1932 and was a 'U' certificate. An enjoyable evening was had by all and we all agreed that these old, black and white films were still worth watching.

**Learning law then cheese and wine****CHASETOWN WI**

FEBRUARY'S open meeting in the Old Mining College, Chasetown, was entertained by Pippa Dathan JP, who gave a talk on A Day in the Life of a Magistrate.

After an overview of how the legal system is structured and an explanation of the way magistrates work, there was a chance for the audience to participate in a quiz which highlighted the many points which magistrates have to take into consideration when a case comes before them.

President Joyce Taylor thanked her and announced that there were five possible outings for the coming year and asked that members should register their interest with a committee member.

The event was well attended and, to round off a very pleasant evening, a good selection of cheeses, wine and nibbles were served, as well as the usual tea, coffee and biscuits.

**Tribute to founder member**

THE February luncheon was held at the Barns Restaurant last week. Past chairman, Mrs Eva Eustace, presided in the absence of chairman Pat Prece and vice chairman Pat Elwell.

Mrs Eustace welcomed everyone with a special welcome to guest speaker Michael Taylor and to Mrs. Dora Leighton, and Mrs. Georgina Ward, who had

been poorly at home due to suffering falls in their

**CANNOCK CHASE**  
**LADIES PROBUS**

homes. A minutes silence was held in respect of recently deceased Mrs Connie Forrester, who was a founder member of the club and twice chairman in 1973 and 2000. She will be sadly missed.

Mr Taylor kept everyone entertained as he recalled his National Service days in

the RAF at Gloucester school of cookery when he was asked to create a traditional fish pie for the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

He designed and decorated the pie, which was made from lampreys - a locally sourced eel like fish.

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## NEWS

# Blooming marvellous! Twins win Chelsea spot



Twins Jessica and Victoria Richards who have each won a place in the Chelsea Flower Show

**THEY caught the floristry bug** as teenagers at a college taster day – now identical twins Jessica and Victoria Richards, from Willenhall, are preparing to compete at the Chelsea Flower Show.

The 24-year-olds, who work at Lavender Florist, Penkridge, won a spot at the prestigious event after coming up trumps in their separate regional heats and they are now going for double gold at the May show.

Jessica said: "It has always been a dream of mine to compete at the Chelsea Flower Show but I always

thought it was too hard for me to get there. It's just amazing. It's the first time I've ever entered and to get through to the show is incredible."

Jessica and Victoria both attended Pool Hayes Community School, Willenhall, and studied floristry at South Staffordshire's Rodebaston College.

#### Frame

Now they have both been selected to create displays for Chelsea Flower Show after impressing in the heats.

Jessica said: "It took me about two months to make the frame and I spent two days putting the flowers on to make it look perfect."

It was made out of cardboard and

wire, which she had to glue together, adding orchids, spray roses, chincherines and hypericum berries.

Her heat took place recently in Birmingham. While sister Victoria won her heat in Loughborough back in September.

Her winning bouquet was similar to a giant pine cone with dahlias, spray roses and hypericums decorating it.

She said: "I've competed at the Chelsea Flower Show before. Last year I won gold but it'll be nice sharing the experience with Jess this time."

The girls, who live in Wolverhampton Street, Willenhall, will receive their brief for the show itself in the next few weeks.

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## NEWS

# Stuart pops the question via an advert on the M5



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But after discovering the cost was out of his price range, the gas engineer went for the next best thing – a message on a giant digital screen on the M5 beside junction one.

The 36-year-old from Streetly had been out for a meal with his sweetheart Claire Jewhurst at Westfield Merry



Romantic groom-to-be Stuart Whittle with fiancée Claire Jewhurst and their two-year-old daughter Summer from Streetly

Hill before stopping his car on the hard shoulder on the pretence it was breaking down. He then got out and showed her the sign before dropping to one knee to pop the question.

#### Reaction

"Everyone was saying take her out for a meal and do it that way but I wanted to do something different, something that would be noticed," said Mr Whittle. "Her reaction was just shock really. Obviously she said 'yes'. There were a few tears in her eyes."

The couple, who met on a night out at nightclub W51 in Walsall, were on the way to pick up their two-year-old daughter Summer from nursery following a meal when Mr Whittle pretended there was a problem with his Vauxhall Astra. The sign showed a picture of the trio and the words 'Claire Jewhurst I love you. Marry Me?'

The couple, of Royal Meadow Way, have not decided on a date yet but Miss Jewhurst, a 31-year-old personal assistant at Barr Beacon School in Aldridge, said she could not wait.

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## NEWS

# Couple admit false claims on packages

A COUPLE tried to pocket £3,000 in compensation claims from Royal Mail for special deliveries they claimed had never arrived.

Parvinder and Baljit Nijjar claimed packages containing £500 cash and a £2,450 diamond ring had not reached their intended destinations after they had sent them. But it emerged that the couple had never sent the packages and were making fraudulent claims to clear debts.

The pair had access to documentation needed to lodge a compensation claim because they worked at the post office on Stourbridge High Street, Wolverhampton Magistrates Court heard. But their con was discovered when it emerged that one of the 'packages' was to be delivered 400 yards from their Willenhall home.

## Trust

Meanwhile, a mobile number registered to Baljit Nijjar was used on one form claiming she was the intended receiver of the goods, while on the other claim form it stated she was the sender.

Prosecutor Mr John Dove told last week's hearing that the claims - made within three minutes of each other on June 13 - were "bogus" and were authenticated by the completion of forms by the couple. He explained that the 'packages' were never actually sent.

Mr Dove added: "Both these defendants were in a position of trust. They abused that trust and generated documentation because they had access to the forms."

The couple, both aged 36, of Marshall Road, Willenhall, indicated a guilty plea to two counts of fraud by false representation.

Mr Richard Quinn, defending, said his clients had three young children and no previous convictions. He added: "They acted out of desperation. They know scams like this have been caught out in the past and both accept their guilt and are extremely sorry for what they have done. This was not sophisticated and was doomed to fail from the start."

Magistrates told the couple that they were considering a community penalty. The pair will be sentenced on March 25.



Parvinder Nijjar from Willenhall



Baljit Nijjar, 36, outside court



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## NEWS

# Danielle can at last enjoy Mother's Day



SUNDAY was a Mother's Day to remember for Danielle Coombes, of Norton Canes. For seven long years, 28-year-old Danielle tried for a baby.

She, along with husband Stuart, suffered the agony of the death of her one-day old daughter Bethany in 2006 and two subsequent miscarriages.

But, on January 31 this year, following fertility treatment at the MFS clinic in Aldridge, Walsall, Mrs Coombes gave birth to daughter Ava Louise.

She went on to enjoy her first Mother's Day.

"Ava was seven years in the making and she's perfect – she's our dream come true," Mrs Coombes said.

"At one point we never thought we'd have a Mother's Day."

**Agreed**

The personal assistant and her 35-year-old husband, an operations director, of Norton Canes, married in 2008 but, after struggling to conceive, went to MFS for answers.

In April 2010, following tests, ICSI treatment was recommended. MFS clinical lead Dr Abey Eapen was in charge of their treatment.

Both of them agreed to lifestyle changes and Mr Coombes began a three-month course of antioxidant vitamins.

Dr Eapen also suggested tests for Mrs Coombes to

investigate the causes of her early miscarriages.

"We were amazed when results showed that I had Factor V Leiden, a blood clotting condition which explained why I hadn't been able to maintain the last two pregnancies beyond a few weeks," she said.

Following a third ICSI cycle in May 2012, she was treated with blood-thinning injections and low steroid medication. After a positive pregnancy test, she was also scanned at MFS from six to 12 weeks, for reassurance that all was well.

Dr Abey Eapen said: "Recurrent early miscarriage is a very isolating condition."

"But tests are available to diagnose the cause whether the pregnancy is achieved naturally or following fertility treatment."

"Thanks to these tests Danielle and Stuart didn't have to experience further heartache and they were able to enjoy their first Mother's Day with baby Ava."

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## NEWS

# I knew he was the one – diamond wife Betty



Diamond couple – Malcolm and Betty Ringrose

A COUPLE from Great Wyrley are celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary tomorrow (Friday) – and Betty Ringrose says she always knew her man was a cut above the rest.

by Peter Madeley

Betty, aged 80, first laid eyes on husband-to-be Malcolm, 82, in 1949 when they both worked at Walsall printers Ballinger & Dean.

Malcolm went on to spend 35 years working for West Midlands Press, while Betty worked at the Walsall office.

The couple have two children, Stephen and Michelle, four grandchildren, Sarah, Christopher, Joanne and Thomas, and one great grandchild, eight-month-old Zara.

Michelle said: "They've always kept busy and active, whether it's playing Scrabble together or going away on holidays all over the world.

"Although they share a lot of the same interests, they still give each other space to do their own thing.

"I think that's probably why I haven't witnessed them having too many arguments over the years.

Any plans to celebrate the anniversary will remain a closely guarded family secret, Michelle said.

"They've said they don't want to do anything major after having a big party for their 50th anniversary, so we'll just have to see what happens," she said.

## Lucky

He said: "We had some good times in those early days, especially going to the dances at Walsall Town Hall.

"Betty liked classical music but I soon got her moving to the good stuff like Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller!"

"I think I'm very lucky to have met someone I could be happy with for my whole life," he said.

The couple, of Huthill



Malcolm and Betty Ringrose on their wedding day

## FOCUS ON PELSALL

## Play area is big success with pupils

PUPILS in the nursery and reception classes at Pelsall Village School are enjoying a more stimulating outdoor environment, as a result of a transformed play area.

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## Beetle drive

PARTICIPANTS at Pelsall's latest beetle drive have a hot topic as they raise money for the Methodist church's heating fund.

The fun event is due to be held on Saturday evening at the church in Chapel Street, Pelsall.

Taking part costs £4 per person and the drive starts from 7pm.

For more information call 01922 684263.

## Help

"We know there's a lot of old soldiers in Pelsall who may find it useful. There may also be younger people leaving the forces that may need help."

She said members were excited that a dedication ceremony for the branch and its standard had been arranged at St Michael and All Angels Church in Pelsall on April 28 at 3pm. Almost 100 guests have been invited.

Mrs Cliff said: "The service will be about an hour long. We have invited guests

who have supported us over the last year and it will be a chance for us to thank them.

"We never expected the branch to be so well received when it formed. It shows the community do care."

"It's an exciting time for us. We now have around 20 members but we are on a recruitment drive. We haven't got any younger members and we want to try and get the support of younger people so they can carry it on."

The branch, which meets at Pelsall Labour Club, has raised more than £1,700 for the Poppy Appeal since last year. This year the branch has already lined up events that members will be attending, including Pelsall Music Festival and Pelsall Carnival. They are hoping to organise an event for Armed Forces Day in June.

Prospective members can call Mrs Cliff on 01922 682031 for more information. For welfare, call secretary Alison Vaughan on 01922 682246.

THE new Pelsall branch of the Royal British Legion is going from strength to strength with a welfare service being launched to help former and serving soldiers.

It was formed a year ago and believed to be the first new branch of the Legion in the UK for more than a decade.

Report by Lisa O'Brien

The branch will also take a step forward next month when its standard is dedicated in a church ceremony.

Chairwoman Karen Cliff said Pelsall was looking to expand with new members and hopes to welcome its first youth members.

"We are very excited to launch our welfare section for those who have been in the armed services and need any help, which could be anything from adaptations to their home or a befriending service if people are lonely," she said.

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Councillors Marco Longhi, Garry Perry and Oliver Bennett outside the brand new Pelsall Village Centre in High Street, Pelsall, which is opening next week

## Centre is ready to open

FINAL preparations are under way at Pelsall's £4.5 million village centre, which is due to open next week.

The recent closure of the temporary library in Norton Road has meant that librarians could begin moving the book collection and hundreds of new titles to the site in High Street, which marks the end for a construction process that has taken nearly two years.

The project recently faced setbacks due to appalling winter weather but opened part of its operation to patients in November. The centre has space for four GPs, a library, children's centre and a cafe.

Pelsall councillor Marco Longhi was taken on a final tour of the library shortly before its opening.

He said: "The building is going to be a massive asset for the people of Pelsall and the area. Everyone I have spoken to have said how wonderful it looks."

## Teachers in fundraising China trek

TWO English teachers from a school in Pelsall are walking a section of the Great Wall of China for charities.

Sheffield Community Academy teacher Edel McCaul, 29, from Tettishall, and her walking partner Marie Chaney, from Cheslyn Hay, hope to complete a 60-mile walk over nine days along China's world wonder to raise money for two charities, Acorns Children's Hospice and Action Cancer.

Miss McCaul said she decided to take part after pledging to do something for charity to her grandfather in Ireland shortly before his death three years ago.

The pair, who have already raised nearly £7,000 between them, will jet off on April 6.

Miss McCaul said: "The support of the children has been superb and so important." To donate visit [www.justgiving.com/Marie-CHANAY64](http://www.justgiving.com/Marie-CHANAY64) or [www.justgiving.com/edelmccaul](http://www.justgiving.com/edelmccaul)

## Benefit advice

RESIDENTS of Pelsall concerned about changes to their benefits are being given a chance to get advice from a panel of experts.

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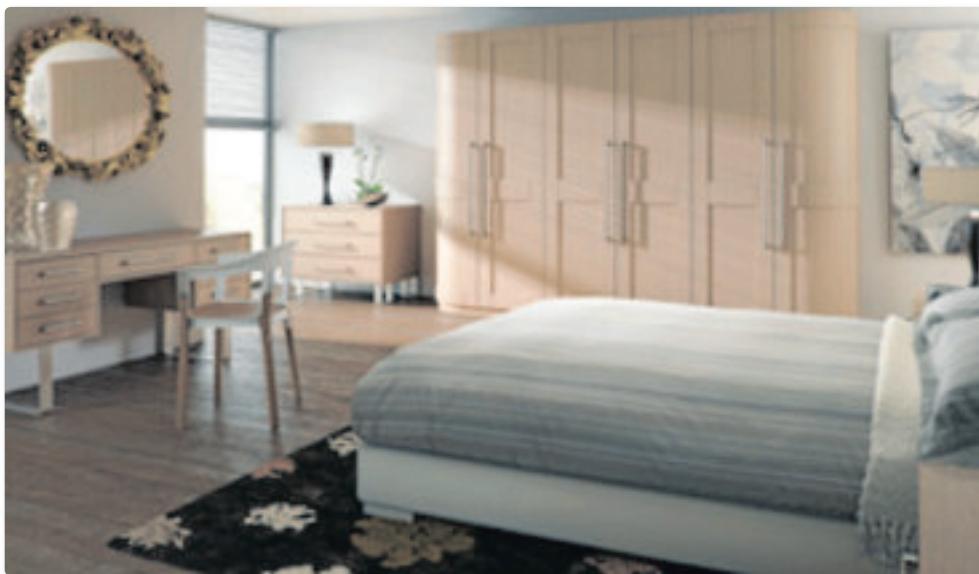
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The day will start with a brass workshop at 2.30pm, followed by a dress rehearsal and then the concert itself from 7pm. The classical pieces being performed include TV and film themes.

Free tickets are available by e-mailing [tickets@thepeoploorchestra.com](mailto:tickets@thepeoploorchestra.com) or for more information on the orchestra see [www.thepeoploorchestra.com](http://www.thepeoploorchestra.com)

### Theatre tribute to star Irish crooner

A DANIEL O'Donnell tribute act will be performing at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock tomorrow (Friday).

Tribute act Daniel O'Connell will be performing a string of the Irish easy listening singer's hits including *Stand Beside Me* and *I Just Want to Dance With You*.

O'Connell is the UK's only sound-alike O'Donnell tribute act.

Tickets are £12.50. Doors open at 7.30pm.

For more details call 01543 578762.

### Go West next year

POPULAR musical *West Side Story* will be on stage next year at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham, from April 1, 2014, for a two-week run.



Oliver Savile as the Rum Tum Tugger in Cats

THE People's Orchestra celebrate their first anniversary with a free concert at The Public in West Bromwich town centre on Sunday, March 24.

The day will start with a brass workshop at 2.30pm, followed by a dress rehearsal and then the concert itself from 7pm. The classical pieces being performed include TV and film themes.

Free tickets are available by e-mailing [tickets@thepeoploorchestra.com](mailto:tickets@thepeoploorchestra.com) or for more information on the orchestra see [www.thepeoploorchestra.com](http://www.thepeoploorchestra.com)

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## Welsh rockers return to the Civic



Get your gladrags and, if you wish, handbags because The Stereophonics are back

THE Stereophonics are roaring back with a strong new album, *Graffiti On The Train*, released last week, to be road tested on a tour including a sold out gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Saturday night.

If that is half as good as their last blistering performance at the venue, it could be one of city's best gigs of the year.

Kelly Jones and co have toured the world over 17 years and achieve five chart-topping albums, including 2008's million-selling 'best of' *A Decade In The Sun*.

Their eighth album is their first since quitting a major label and setting up their own Stylus Records. The album is based on screenplay by singer and guitarist Kelly Jones about the aftermath of a tragic accident and combines their familiar melodic rock style, like new single *Indian Summer*, with new ideas.

For a band that have played at the Millennium Stadium and Hyde Park Live 8, the Civic will seem like an intimate gig.

### Drama is offered at a new venue

A POWERFUL play about the life of Jesus, *Three Witnesses*, is being performed by Saltmine Theatre Company at new venue the Goldmine Centre, in Lower Hall Lane, Walsall, next Friday, March 22. Tickets cost £7 for the production at the 400-seat theatre, call 01922 621951.

Highbury Players perform Terrence Rattigan's Second World War play *Flarepath*, about RAF pilots and their wives, until Saturday, March 23, at Highbury Theatre Centre in Sutton Coldfield. Call 0121 373 2761.

### MYJO will bring swinging sounds

THERE will be Singin' & Swingen' in Walsall town centre tomorrow night (Friday) when Jeff Hooper and The Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra perform.

Award-winning MYJO, under the direction of John Ruddick, bring big band sounds to the Central Methodist Church, in Ablewell Street. Doors open at 7pm and the music starts at 7.45.

Tickets cost £12.50 and refreshments will be available. The box office is available on 01922 627686.

### School Hairspray

SANDWELL Academy will be putting on a three-night run of the musical *Hairspray* from Tuesday, March 19, after seeing a professional version in Manchester. Tickets on 0121 525 1700.

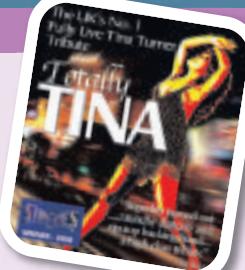
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# What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 16.03.13

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### CHOICE



Winston Churchill

#### Churchill and the Fascist Plot

Channel 4, 7pm  
In May 1940, Britain was facing the prospect of a Nazi invasion. Winston Churchill didn't just have Hitler to worry as there was also a threat from Britain's own fascist sympathisers: the 'fifth column' that could erode Britain's war effort from within. Days after Churchill became Prime Minister, MI5 descended on central London, keen to question members of The Right Club, an organisation and pro-Nazi society led by Archibald Ramsay MP. The aristocrat's organisation wanted to create an alliance with Hitler.

### BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) 12.00 BBC Handball. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Formula 1 - Australian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. 2.05 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. 4.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. 7.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 7.15 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Robyn Williams present a star-studded variety of the unorthodox general knowledge quiz. (R)

8.00 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Mylene Klass.

8.50 Casualty. Jeff gets caught up in a marital dispute. Robyn breaches patient confidentiality and Linda tries to give a woman with a learning-disabled son some respite.

9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys. Trevor has decided to work for a mission project in Africa, so Agnes resolves to throw him an unforgettable send-off, while Cathy's family counselling session descends into chaos. (R)

10.10 BBC News: Weather. 10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Burton v. Manchester City; National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games, including Barnsley v. Watford. 1.05 Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.

### BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 7.30 Great British Menu. (R) 8.30 Great British Menu. (R) 9.00 Saturday Kitchen. (R) 9.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Formula 1 - Australian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. 2.05 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. 4.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. 7.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 7.15 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Robyn Williams present a star-studded variety of the unorthodox general knowledge quiz. (R)

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12.20 Film: Badlands. (1973) 1.50 This is BBC Two.

### ITV

6.00 CITV: Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. 6.25 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 6.45 Dini Dan. (R) 7.15 The Farm. 7.30 Farm Animals. (R) 7.20 Cannimals. (R) 7.25 Bookaboo. 7.40 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 8.05 Ultimate Spider-Man. 8.30 Victorious. (R) 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.20 My Tasty Travels. 11.20 Dinner Date. (R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather. 12.30 Countrywise. (R) 12.50 You've Been Framed! (R) 1.20 Film: Mutiny on the Buses. (1972) 3.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R) 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 6.00 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.15 ITV News; Weather. 6.30 New You've Been Framed! Fresh selection of comical clips.

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The duo go head to head in their latest challenge and play another undercover prank on an unsuspecting star.

8.20 The Cube. A sales assistant and a police officer try to complete increasingly difficult tasks in the hope of winning a jackpot of £25,000. Phillip Schofield hosts.

9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host chats to Doctor Who himself, Matt Smith, and Ruth Jones, the star and co-writer of Gogglebox. Welsh rockers Stereophonics provide the music.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: Total Recall. (1990) Sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

12.45 Jackpot247. 3.00 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

### CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Will & Grace. (R) 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.30 The Love Ranch. 9.25 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) 12.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.25 CSI: NY. (R) 2.20 CSI: Miami. (R) 3.10 CSI: Miami. (R) 4.05 Film: Private Benjamin. (1980)

6.10 5 News Week.

6.15 Film: Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) A dentist plans to poison his wife, and loves her make it look like she killed him, but reckons without the attentions of the crumpled cop. Crime drama, with Peter Falk.

7.50 NCIS. The team tries to trace the history of a gun believed to have been used in a murder at a carnival base, and the family of the victim who found the weapon comes under suspicion. (R)

8.45 NCIS. CIA agent Trent Kort returns to track down a dangerous criminal, and Gibbs is forced to put his personal feelings aside to assist in the investigation. (R)

9.40 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A photograph of a murder scene is leaked online.

10.35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. A murder is linked to a community hospital.

11.35 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours. A man is suspected of murdering his wife.

12.05 SuperCasino. 4.00 HouseBusters. (R) 4.25 Divine Design. (R) 4.45 Cold Case. (R) 5.05 Dr Who's Helpine. (R) 5.15 The Milkshake Show. (R) 5.40 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Power Rangers Samurai. (R) 10.50 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.25 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) 12.25 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.25 CSI: NY. (R) 2.20 CSI: Miami. (R) 3.10 CSI: Miami. (R) 4.05 Film: Private Benjamin. (1980)

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BBC Three 7.00 Merlin 7.45 Doctor Who 8.30 Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001) 10.00 Grimmy's Comic Relief Late Nighter 11.25 Family Guy 12.25 BBC Four

7.00 Britain on Film: Dedicated Followers of Fashion 7.30 Nureyev - From Russia with Love 9.00 Spiral 4: State of Terror 11.15 Glen Campbell: The Rhinestone Cowboy

ITV2 5.45 Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) 7.35 Film: Hulk (2003) Comic-strip adventure, starring Eric Bana 10.20 Celebrity Juice: Hunks Special 11.10 Film: Knocked Up (2007)

ITV3 3.35 Film: Summer Holiday (1963) 5.00 Agatha Christie's 3.25 Lew Lewin: The death of an Oxford don leads to the shady underworld of unlicensed boxing. 9.00 Foyle's War 11.00 Film: Air America (1990)

ITV4 3.35 Film: Where Are We Now? 3.45 Lewis 3.55 TT Legends 7.30 GT Academy 8.00 River Monsters: Deadliest Catfish 9.00 Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) 11.10 Film: Death Wish 2 (1981)

E4 3.35 Rules of Engagement 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Happy Endings 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 2 Broke Girls 9.00 Film: Transporter 2 (2005) 10.50 The Big Bang Theory 11.45 The Cleveland Show

2.45 The Thirty-Nine Steps (1959) 4.45 Let It Happen (2009) 6.50 2012 8.00 The 25th Dimension 9.00 Good Morning, Vietnam (1987) Comedy drama, starring Robin Williams. 11.25 Julia's Eyes (2010) Première. Thriller, starring Belen Rueda.

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## SUNDAY'S TV 17.03.13

## CHOICE



The Queen

Our Queen  
ITV, 8pm

In the past 12 months, the Queen has celebrated her Diamond Jubilee, learned she was going to become a great-grandmother again, and parachuted into the Olympics. (Well, okay, she didn't really do that last one, but she did get to meet James Bond.) But how did the monarch really feel about her landmark year? This two-hour documentary should provide us with some insights as it follows the monarch over the course of 2012. But it's not all about the pageantry – there's also an examination of how the Queen manages with day-to-day demands.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** The Queen's Commonwealth for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile: A Royal Appointment. (R) **1.20** Call the Midwife. (R) **2.20** Formula 1 – Australian Grand Prix Highlights. **4.20** Comic Relief – The Best Bits. **5.20** Lifeline. **5.30** Songs of Praise. **6.05** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**6.30 Countryfile.** The team heads to Lyme Bay on the Dorset and Devon coastline, where Julia Bradbury explores a rich geological history that has made it very popular with fossil hunters.

**7.30 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team travel to Chatham in Kent, where items include poison bottles and a glass bottle with a spiked object believed to have been used to ward off highwaymen. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

**8.30 The Lady Vanishes.** A socialite investigates the disappearance of a fellow train passenger whom everyone else on board denies ever having seen. Mystery, starring Tuppence Middleton.

**10.00 BBC News:** Regional News; Weather. **10.25 Match of the Day 2.** A review of the day's Premier League matches, which were Sunderland, Norwich City, Tottenham Hotspur, Fulham, Chelsea v West Ham United and Wigan Athletic v Newcastle United. **11.45 Regional Programme.** **12.15** The Apprentice USA. **1.00** Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00 This Is BBC Two.** **6.45 Film:** Primrose Path. (1940) **8.15** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **9.15** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. **12.00** EastEnders. (R) **1.55** Coast. **2.15** Hairy Bikers: Best of British. (R) **3.00** Restoration Home. (R) **4.00** Figure Skating: World Championship Highlights.

**6.00 Food & Drink.** A discussion on entertaining friends, with guest Rachel Khoo. Last in the series. (R) **6.30 Flag It!**

**7.00 Dragons' Den.** A Welsh grandmother charms the Dragons as she tries to secure investment for her business. The usual rules of the Den are disregarded during a pitch for a haircare brand. (R) **8.00 Best of Top Gear.** Highlights from the most recent series of the motoring magazine.

**9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Farmer.** A dairy farmer lives and works with tribesmen in Kenya.

**10.00 Mock the Week Looks Back at Education.** Highlights from the quiz show on the theme of education.

**10.30 It's Kevin.** New series. Comedy sketches and songs, starring Kevin Eldon. **11.00 Comic Relief – The Best Bits.** Highlights from Friday's fundraising extravaganza.

**12.00 Six Nations Rugby Union.** **12.45 Film:** Down in the Valley. (2003) **2.35** Saturday Night. (R) **3.00** The Eileen. (R) **4.05** Comic Relief: Through Hell and High Water. (R) **5.05** This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Dino Dan. (R) **7.30** Cannibals. (R) **7.45** Cormac. (R) **7.50** Bookaboo. **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.05** Rated A for Awesome. **8.15** Rated A for Awesome. **8.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **8.45** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **9.00** The Aquabats Super Show. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **11.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **12.10** ITV News; Weather. **12.15** Film: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head. (1966) **2.00** Doc Martin. (R) **3.00** Food Glorious Food. (R) **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple.

**6.00 You've Been Framed!** Comical clips, featuring an exploding beanbag. (R) **6.30 Regional Programme;** Weather.

**6.45 ITV News:** Weather. **7.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Best of Friends Special.** With Sebastian Coe, Steve Cram, Louis Smith, Paul Hall, Sally Lindsay and Steve White.

**8.00 Our Queen.** Feature-length documentary throughout 2012, providing a portrait of Elizabeth II during her Diamond Jubilee year.

**10.00 Perspectives:** David Suchet – The Mystery of Agatha Christie. New series. The Poirot star explores the life and work of the crime writer.

**11.00 ITV News:** Weather.

**11.15 Anglo-Welsh Rugby Union.** Extended highlights of the final in Worcester.

**12.15 The Stora.** **2.15 Monk.** (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10 The Hoobs.** (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Will & Grace. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** Film: Picture Perfect. (1996) **4.25** Film: Picture Perfect. (1996) **5.00** Time Team. **5.30** Deal or No Deal. **6.25** Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv. As the UN warns that a global shift to a vegan diet is needed to save the world from hunger, members of the public consider whether it is morally wrong to eat meat every day.

**7.00 Come Dine with Me.** Former Miss Rugby Jade Hollis, film and TV extra Susan Gillis, recruitment boss Lee Bunting and academic Alan James compete for the £1,000 grand prize. (R) **9.00** Warkwickshire. (R)

**8.00 The Secret Millions.** New series. Five celebrities work with charities developing innovative projects and covertly try to secure £2million in lottery funds to help turn their ideas into reality.

**9.00 Film:** Salt. (2011) **1.00** CIA agent goes on the run after she is accused of being a sleeper assassin sent to kill the Russian president. Action thriller, with Angelina Jolie.

**11.00 Film:** Sunshine. (2007) Sci-fi thriller, starring Cillian Murphy and Angelina Jolie.

**1.00 How to Build a Bionic Man.** (R) **1.55 Film:** The Devil's Double. (2007) **4.15** Film: Nowhere. (R) **5.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and the Croods. (R) **6.45** Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** The Ostrich. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Animal Antics. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Norton. (R) **7.30** City of Thieves. **7.45** Little Einsteins. (R) **8.00** Film: The Adventures of Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.30** Mio Mao. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Wiggles. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.30** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.10** Once Upon a Time. (R) **11.45** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.05** Film: Scott Pilgrim vs. the World. **2.00** Film: Unleashed. (2004) **2.50** Film: Sabrina the Teenage Witch. (1996) **4.40** Film: Surf's Up. (2007) **6.10** News Weekend. **6.15** Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995) Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey. **8.00** Film: Legally Blonde. (2001) Comedy, with Reese Witherspoon and Luke Wilson.

**10.00 Person of Interest.** Carter gains further insight into Reese's secret life.

**10.55 Film:** The Long Kiss Goodnight. (1996) Action thriller, starring Geena Davis.

**1.10 SuperCasino.** **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Film: The Devil's Double. (2007) **5.15** Film: The Milkshake Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

## BBC Three

**7.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes

**7.10** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You

**7.15** Tomb Raider – The Original Life (2003) **8.10** Film: The Flesh 11.00 Bluestone 42 **11.30** Family Guy

## BBC Four

**7.00** The Many Faces of Les Dawson **8.00** Parks and Recreation

**8.45** Minuscule: The Private Life of Insects **9.00** The Incredible Story of the Monarch Butterfly: Four Wings and a Prayer **10.00** Film: Apocalypso (2006)

## ITV3

**3.30** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **4.25** Film: Richie Rich (1994) **6.25** Film: King Kong (2005) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Celebrity Juice: Hunks Special

## ITV4

**3.50** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin **4.50** Murder, She Wrote **5.50** Wycliffe **6.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Film: The Elephant Man (1980)

## ITV5

**3.55** Film: All Quiet on the Western Front (1930) **7.00** Fabrice Mambala: Sports Life Stories **8.00** Angie Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Tremors (1989) **10.55** Film: Species: The Awakening (2007)

## E4

**4.25** Revenge **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** New Girl **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Film: Transformers (2007) **10.50** Rude Tube 2012 **11.50** Shocking Show

## Film4

**3.05** The Lady Vanishes (1979) **3.05** Aquamarine (2006) **7.10** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) **9.00** Ghost (1990) **11.25** Don't Look Now (1973)

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

**MONDAY**
**Revolver, Channel 5, 11pm**

A gambler endures a seven-year stint in solitary confinement after being set up by his deranged and dangerous former boss, a malevolent casino owner who also murdered his sister-in-law. On release he plans to exact a fitting revenge and sets out to bankrupt the villain, with the help of two enigmatic loan sharks. Guy Ritchie's crime drama, with Jason Statham, Ray Liotta, Vincent Pastore and Terence Maynard. (2005)

**TUESDAY**
**The Year of Living Dangerously, BBC1, 12.15am**

An idealistic Australian journalist is sent to chronicle the upheaval in 1960s Indonesia. He develops a romance with a British diplomat and plans to make his career by covering first-hand the coming revolution, only to become personally involved in the conflict. Peter Weir's political thriller, starring Mel Gibson, Sigourney Weaver, Bembol Rocco and an Oscar-winning Linda Hunt in a male role. (1982)

**WEDNESDAY**
**The Guardian, BBC1, 11.15pm**

A distinguished coastguard is recruited to prepare the next generation of aspiring search and rescue specialists. He meets his match with a talented and troubled rookie – a high-school swimming champion who is determined to inherit the instructor's crown. However, throughout the rigorous training the pair forge a strong friendship and settle the struggle for authority. Drama, with Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher and Selena Gomez. (2006)


**Revolver, Monday, Channel 5, 11pm**
**THURSDAY**
**Murder 101: College Can Be Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A criminology professor is suspicious when a colleague appears to have died from a heart attack, and teams up with a private detective to uncover the truth – and they discover the dead man had a number of enemies and harboured many secrets. The second in the series of murder mysteries, starring Dick and Barry Van Dyke alongside Kimberly Quinn and Jonathan Banks. (2007)

**FRIDAY**
**Scream, BBC1, 11.50pm**

The students of a high school are stalked by a masked knife-wielding maniac with a love of scary movies and a penchant for playing mind games with his prey. One of the girls on his hit list begins to suspect there is a connection between the killer and her mother's murder a year previously. Wes Craven's horror, which satirises the genre's clichés, starring Neve Campbell, David Arquette and Courteney Cox. (1996)

### Pick of the Week

## Iris desperately tries to keep things on track

**W**hich novel has been filmed twice, once by a legendary director in 1938, and once by a legendary studio in 1979?

If all those film buffs out there are saying The Lady Vanishes, then they're wrong – the original story was entitled The Wheel Spins. It was written by Ethna Lina White and first published in 1936.

It's almost 70 years since Ms White passed away, and in the decades since, Ms White and her works have largely been forgotten, despite the fact that in her day, she was once one of the most revered crime writers around.

Out of the many books she penned, The Wheel Spins has had the most mileage thanks to its movie adaptations.

The plot focuses on Iris, a carefree girl whose world comes crashing down around her when the middle-aged Miss Froy, with whom she has been spending time while travelling through 1930s Eastern Europe by train, suddenly disappears – and her fellow passengers deny she ever existed.

Only one person believes her, dashing English traveller Max. They work together to find Miss Froy, uncovering a dastardly plan in the process.

Kate Winslet, controller, series and sequel BBC Drama, seems particularly thrilled by the way the project has panned out: "Fiona Sere's adaptation of The Wheel Spins deftly weaves together the intriguing stories of a psychologically complex group of characters – with the mysterious disappearance of Miss Froy on a packed train – played out against the tense backdrop of the Balkans in the 1930s."

It was Alfred Hitchcock who first exploited the book's cinematic potential. He turned it into what is now regarded as a classic: It also helped turn its leading cast members, Margaret Lockwood and Michael Redgrave (in his screen debut) into major stars.

But for Hitch, it had an even bigger impact – the fact the movie became the most successful British venture up to that point gave him a calling card to Hollywood; two years later, after negotiating a lucrative Stateside deal,

he released his first Tinseltown project, Rebecca, and never looked back.

Sadly, the 1979 remake from a then failing Hammer Films didn't do quite so well. In fact, it's fair to say it was a massive flop, even the presence of US aces Elizabeth Taylor and Cybill Shepherd couldn't save it. Afterwards, Hammer stopped making movies for almost 30 years.

So, will the BBC's new take on the story follow in the footsteps of Hitchcock, or its disastrous remake? Hopefully the former rather than the latter – the pedigree is certainly impressive.

Filming took place in Budapest last year, and the feature-length thriller had originally been expected to appear on our screens at Christmas. However, the Beeb has tantalised us by making us wait a wee bit longer.

Rising stars Tuppence Middleton and Tom Hughes play Iris and Max, while Keeley Hawes, Gemma Jones, Julian Rhind-Tutt and Selina Cadell also star. Fans of Borgen should watch out for Benedicte Hansen, who also appears.


**Tuppence Middleton stars in The Lady Vanishes, Sunday, BBC1, 8.30pm**

### Best of the Rest

**MONDAY**
**James Nesbitt's Ireland**
**ITV, 8pm**

His medical drama Monroe may be no more, but With The Hobbit recently racking up \$1 billion worth of business, at least that's softened the blow for James Nesbitt. Playing Tolkien's dwarf Bofur in New Zealand may have seen the acclaimed star out of his comfort zone, but now he's literally back on more familiar turf for this new series. James takes camera around famous landmarks and examines the history and culture of the Emerald Isle. First stop is Dingle, a town on the south-west coast. He meets brothers Shaun and Kieran Murphy who moved from the Big Apple a dozen years ago with their families to set up an ice-cream business. Blarney Castle and Co Cork are also on the to do list.

**Rich and on Benefits: Channel 4 Dispatches**

**Channel 4, 8pm**

Chancellor George Osborne has said the Government needs to save £10 billion, and housing benefits, child tax credits, maternity pay and other benefits are all set to be capped. But while these measures will hit an estimated seven million working families, there's one group who seem to be exempt from the cost-cutting – pensioners. But is this a fair move, or is there a danger that we may be taking money from the poor to give it to people who don't actually need it? That's what Michael Buerk is on a mission to find out as he examines how well off some of Britain's pensioners really are, surveying OAPs across Britain to find out how they spend their welfare payments.

**The Challenger**
**BBC2, 9pm**

On January 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after take-off, killing everyone on board. Unsurprisingly a Presidential Commission was set up to explore what went wrong, but with the shuttle being one of the world's most complex machines, and with so many vested interests wrapped up in the investigation, finding the truth was a near-impossible challenge. However, if one man could get to the bottom of things it was scientist Richard Feynman, who won a Nobel Prize for his breakthroughs in quantum physics. In this beautifully crafted drama examining his search for the truth, William Hurt delivers a top-drawer performance as Feynman.

**TUESDAY**
**The Syndicate**
**BBC1, 9pm**

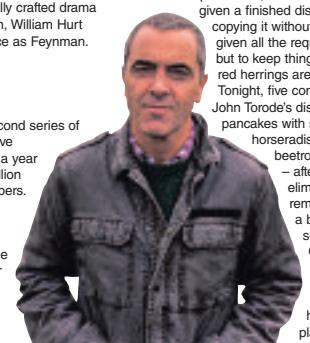
After last year's hit debut, the second series of Kay Mellor's drama focuses on five hospital workers whose £14,000 a year might be transformed into £14million each thanks to lucky lottery numbers. The problem is, absent-minded nurse Becky (Natalie Gavin) has lost the winning ticket, so mum Mandy (Siobhan Finneran), Nurse Tom Bedford (Jimi Mistry), Porter Alan Walters (Mark Addy) and Auxiliary Rose Wilson (Alison Steadman) could see their dreams slipping through their fingers unless the ticket can be

**found.**

With £72million at stake, little wonder tempers are running high for the staff at St Anthony's Hospital. However, there are more headaches when it looks like there's another member of the syndicate.

**WEDNESDAY**
**MasterChef**
**BBC1, 8pm**

Regular viewers to the series will have noticed a new type of challenge introduced this time around. This ninth run of the culinary contest has included the difficult 'palate test', in which contestants are given a finished dish and tasked with copying it without a recipe. They're given all the required ingredients, but to keep things interesting a few red herrings are thrown in as well. Tonight, five contenders are given John Torode's dish of potato pancakes with smoked trout, horseradish cream and beetroot salad to emulate – after which, two are eliminated. The remaining three work a busy lunchtime service at London's Cadogan Hotel before cooking for John and Gregg Wallace, hoping to win a place in the quarter-finals.


**James Nesbitt's Ireland, Monday, ITV, 8pm**
**THURSDAY**
**Home Delivery**
**ITV, 9pm**

When it comes to giving birth, every woman is different, but as this documentary explains, many are going against convention and opting for a home delivery. Nobody knows this more than independent midwife Virginia, who cameras follow as she goes about her business, taking care of three couples and playing a part in bringing new life into the world. One of the couples, Julie and Anthony, are preparing for the arrival of their baby boy. Julie has had a difficult pregnancy with trapped nerves and pelvic pain but is planning a home delivery in an inflatable birthing pool, and is keen to have her other son present; something which wouldn't be allowed in hospital.

**FRIDAY**
**Live International Football**
**ITV, 7.30pm**

England's quest to qualify for the 2014 World Cup continues as they travel to face San Marino at the Stadio Olimpico in Serravalle, for their fifth match of the campaign. Having won two and drawn two thus far, anything less than a victory in this contest will be seen as a disaster for Roy Hodgson's men, especially given that San Marino have failed to register a point or score a goal from their first four fixtures. The sides have already met on one occasion with the reverse clash having taken place at Wembley Stadium last October, which saw the hosts eventually ease to a 5-0 victory after an initial frustrating opening to the contest.

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The property, in Kestrel Way, has an entrance hall, refitted guest WC, through lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, three double bedrooms, single bedroom and bathroom as well as benefiting from gas central heating, double glazing where specified, front and rear gardens with driveway and garage.

On the ground floor the WC has a white suite with WC and wash hand basin in vanity unit while the through lounge, 22ft 11in by 11ft 4in, has a feature fire surround with wall-mounted gas fire and tiled hearth and patio doors to the rear garden.

### Dining

The extended dining room is 10ft 2in by 11ft 6in, while the fitted kitchen measuring 6ft 6in by 13ft 11in has a range of wall and base units with display cabinets, work surfaces with stainless steel sink drainer and mixer tap, built-in appliances including oven and ceramic hob, space and plumbing for dishwasher and space for fridge freezer.

A utility room has plumbing and space for washing machine and space for tumble dryer.

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# Spice up the kitchen with a hot makeover

WITH the kitchen now heralded as the social hub of the house, where family and friends get together to chat, eat and relax, it is becoming a focal point for more vibrant colours and styles.

Makeover experts Granite Transformations look at the hottest design trends for 2013, which enable the kitchen to take on an exciting new look, without breaking the bank.

## 1 Kitchen Remodelling

The hottest trend is remodelling, which involves retaining the familiar layout and cabinetry, but refacing the worktops and replacing the old cabinet doors and drawer fronts. Not only does this mean less disruption and outlay than a new fitted kitchen, you are likely to recoup most of the remodelling costs if you're planning to sell.

## 2 Colourful Kitchens

You could indulge in the big new trend for vibrant colours. You could choose bold primaries like red, orange and emerald green for worktops, reflecting a more casual, upbeat way of living, or go for high gloss door facings in olive, paprika, blueberry or plum.

## 3 Mixed Finishes

Take a cue from interior designers, with a mix of cabinetry finishes that combine dark and lighter tones at different levels, to give an eclectic look. Or perhaps choose a different worktop colour for an island for a contrast.

## 4 Bolder Splashbacks

Regular splashbacks provide protection from moisture and grease, but today's trend is towards bigger, broader surrounds that also make a decorative statement. Extend composite granite, quartz and recycled glass work surfaces to the underside of wall units or ceiling height for a luxurious



Vibrant colours like the paprika on the wall cabinet doors reflect an upbeat way of living while adding decorative murals and custom glass mosaics, inset, could give some sparkling elegance to your kitchen



## 7 Eco-Chic Materials

Design trends reflect that the 'green' movement is still gathering momentum, with eco-friendly materials gaining in popularity. Choose from recycled glass worktops, or composite granite and quartz surfaces containing natural stone salvaged from quarrying sites.

## 8 Decorative Murals

Most kitchens have limited wall space, but it's good to introduce a bold splash of colour with a decorative wall mural or feature panel. Authentic glass mosaic tiles mounted on a backing mattress introduce colour, texture and a tactile finish, while natural daylight and halogen spotlights contribute a sparkling, reflective dimension.

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- EPC current rating C

£400pcm



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The house – The Dell, 62 Newlands Lane, Heath Hayes – is situated in grounds of some 0.4 of an acre, with accommodation briefly comprising of central reception hall, study, lounge, dining room, conservatory, luxury breakfast kitchen, utility room, refitted shower room, galleried landing, four double bedrooms and refitted Jack and Jill bathroom.

The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, detached double garage, extensive landscaped gardens, CCTV security system and intruder alarm.

On the ground floor, the study, 6ft 6in by 11ft 2in, is fitted with a range of built-in office furniture while the lounge – 14ft to 17ft 9in by 23ft – has a feature inglenook fireplace with oak beam, granite hearth and natural flame gas fire and patio doors to the rear garden.

## Breakfast

The dining room is 14ft by 12ft and the shower room has a marble hand basin, WC and shower cubicle, while the breakfast kitchen – 14ft 2in by 16ft 4in – has a range of base units, black granite work surfaces, island unit with breakfast bar, drawers, inset sink with mixer tap and marble drainer, wall cupboards, display cabinets, wine rack, Rangemaster double oven with extractor over, integrated fridge and dishwasher.

Measuring 11ft 9in by 10ft 8in, the utility room has a range of units, work surfaces, inset sink with mixer tap, plumbing for automatic washing machine and vent for tumble dryer, while the conservatory, 16ft by 18ft, 10in has French doors to the rear garden and patio.

On the first floor bedroom one has a door to bedroom four/dressing room and Jack and Jill style family bathroom, 17ft by 10ft, with wash hand basin, freestanding bath, WC, bidet and walk-in shower cubicle.

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- Lounge • Conservatory • RE-FITTED KITCHEN • PLEASANT GARDENS
- Three bedrooms, re-fitted luxury bathroom, energy rating 'C'
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZ, GARAGE • DRIVEWAY

£145,000

COPPIE FARM  
BUTTERMERE GROVE

- Extended end town house • Three bedrooms
- Four bedrooms • Gas c/heating • Majority d/glazed windows
- Fitted dining kitchen • Luxury room wc
- Garage & concrete print driveway
- Energy Rating 'E'

£124,995 NO CHAIN

NEW INVENTION  
ESSINGTON ROAD

- MUCH IMPROVED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- Three good sized bedrooms • Large lounge
- Luxury bathroom • Box room/study • Double glazing
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING • DOUBLE GLAZING
- Driveway • Energy Rating 'D'

£105,000 NO CHAIN

PORTOBELLO  
EVANS STREET

- TRADITIONAL STYLE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- Three bedrooms • Large rear garden
- Large rear gardens • DRIVEWAY • NO CHAIN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING • DOUBLE GLAZING
- Driveway • Energy Rating 'B'

£105,000

WILLENHALL  
ARGYLL COURT, ESSINGTON ROAD

- Superbly presented modern style detached property
- Three good sized bedrooms • Large rear garden
- Refitted dining kitchen • Refitted bathroom
- Double glazing • Gas central heating
- Allocated parking space • No chain
- Energy Rating 'B'

£70,000

WILLENHALL  
YALE ROAD

- Superb well presented modern detached property
- Four bedrooms • Two reception rooms • Downstairs wc
- Breakfast kitchen • Gas central heating • Double glazing
- Two en-suites • Family bathroom • Rear garden
- Garage and driveway • Energy Rating 'D'

£250,000

SHORT HEATH  
POLES LANE

- Much improved three bedroom detached bungalow
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- Well equipped dining kitchen • Luxury bathroom
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£195,000

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- Superbly presented semi detached property
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- Driveway, rear garden • Energy Rating 'E'

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GRAZWOOD CLOSE

- Extended modern style detached property
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- Refitted dining kitchen • Luxury bathroom
- Double glazing • Gas central heating • Garage & driveway
- Utility • Rear garden • Energy Rating 'C'

£169,950

WILLENHALL  
HILLCREST GARDENS

- Much improved modern style semi detached property
- Three good sized bedrooms • Large rear garden
- Superb refitted kitchen • Luxury shower room
- Double glazing • Gas central heating
- Garage and carport • Rear garden • Energy Rating 'D'

£149,950 VIEWING RECOMMENDED

WILLENHALL  
ALBION STREET

- Superb and improved modern style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms • Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms • Double glazing • Gas central heating
- Garage, driveway & Viewing recommended
- Energy Rating 'C'

£134,995 NO CHAIN

WILLENHALL  
DILLOWAYS LANE

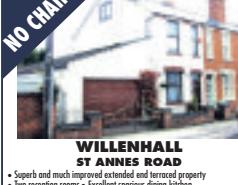
- Extended modern semi detached property
- Three bedrooms • Large lounge • Spacious dining room
- Dining room • Extended kitchen & Double glazing
- Gas central heating • Rear garden • Driveway
- Energy Rating 'C'

£125,000

NEW INVENTION  
MOXHULL CLOSE

- Well presented semi detached property
- Three bedrooms • Lounge • Spacious dining kitchen
- Gas central heating • Double glazing
- Bathroom • Rear garden and summer house/playroom
- Energy Rating 'D'

£122,950

WILLENHALL  
ST ANNES ROAD

- Superb and much improved extended and terraced property
- Five reception rooms • Extended dining kitchen
- Summer house/gym • Three bedrooms • Attic room • Large bathroom
- Gas central heating • Double glazing
- Garage • Energy Rating 'E'

£20,000

WILLENHALL  
SQUIRES GROVE

- Superbly presented three bedroom semi detached property
- Large with dining area • Impressive kitchen
- Ten excellent size bedrooms • Bathroom • Gas central heating
- Double glazing • Gym/office/converted garage • Parking
- Energy Rating 'C'

£110,500 NO CHAIN

WILLENHALL  
HILL ROAD

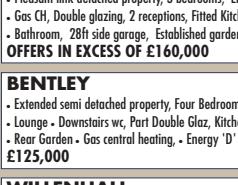
- Much improved extended three bedroom semi detached property
- Lounge and extended dining room • Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Reefit with shower • Garage and block paved driveway
- Gas central heating • UPVC double glazed windows
- Viewing recommended • Energy Rating 'E'

NOW £105,000

WILLENHALL  
VICTORIA STREET

- Much improved by Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms • 2 Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen • Newly Fitted Bathrooms
- Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- No Upward Chain • Energy Rating 'D'

£89,950



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● Guest W.C.  
● Front & Rear Gardens



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Willenhall  
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£135,000



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Bloxwich  
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● Front & Rear Gardens● Central Heating  
● Double Glazing including Patio Doors

In the Region of £95,000



Walsall  
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● Fitted Kitchen● Utility Room● Study  
● Family Bathroom● Gardens  
● Detached Garage to the Rear

Offers in excess of £95,000



Walsall  
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Bloxwich  
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● Fitted Kitchen● Ground Floor Bathroom  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Cellar● Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in excess of £90,000



Bloxwich  
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## Motoring

# Skoda reveals their new Octavia estate at Geneva

JUST weeks after the new Octavia hatchback was introduced to the range, Czech brand Skoda has revealed details of the estate version.

An increase of 90mm in length, 45mm in width and a vast 110mm in wheelbase over the previous generation model gives the Octavia Estate a big boost in terms of cabin space; 610

litres of boot space with the rear seats in place and 1,740 with the seats folded.

Alongside clever storage ideas already found in the hatchback, the Octavia Estate has a folding front passenger seat, a coat rack and a remote folding function for the rear seats.

Identical from the front, the Octavia Estate has its own design treatment at the rear but it is neatly integrated into

the overall shape to create a stylish load carrier. It also shares the engine range with the hatchback model, including the super-efficient Green-Line version which will deliver a remarkable 83.1mpg and CO2 emissions of 89 g/km.

Revealed to the public for the first time at the Geneva Motor Show this week, the Octavia Estate will reach UK showrooms later in the spring.



Skoda has added an estate version to the new Octavia range



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Official fuel consumption in mpg (litres/100km) for the ŠKODA Octavia range: Urban 43.5 (6.5) - 61.4 (4.6), Extra Urban 61.4 (4.6) - 85.6 (3.3), Combined 53.3 (5.3) - 74.3 (3.8). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 121 - 99 g/km.

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## Motoring



Hopton Garage MG is backing the lease scheme for the business sector, which starts from £210 a month

# Launch of exciting new MG lease scheme for businesses

**HOPTON garage is backing a new MG scheme aimed at the business sector, with an amazing value proposition with its new DTi-TECH diesel that offers a high-spec performance driving experience with the lowest overall running costs in the sector, from just £210 a month plus VAT.**

The distinctive designs of the MG6 five-door fastback and Magnette four-door sports saloon stand out from the crowd in the car park and on paper. With BIK from just £59 a month, insurance groups of just 14E and 15E, high standard specification and low servicing and parts costs, they offer the lowest running costs in the sector.

Low BIK does not mean low standard specification with MG. S model

entry specification includes 17in sports alloy wheels, sports seats, power folding mirrors, dual climate control and an electronic hill hold function.

SE models add standard built-in satellite navigation with TrafficCam, reversing sensors and multi-function steering wheel controls.

Move up to the range-topping MG6 GT TSE and it offers all the toys a business user could want with the addition of heated, electric front seats, leather upholstery and a reversing camera. With an electric glass sunroof and front parking sensors added as standard, the Magnette sports saloon has a German options list as standard!

The all-new 1.9 litre DTi-TECH diesel powertrain was designed specifically for the MG6. The latest stop-start, smart charging and variable-rate turbocharging technology is standard on all models to give MG performance with economy. With 350Nm of torque

the MG6 diesels have the highest pulling power per pound of any saloon and hatchback in the UK market.

The MG driving experience is completed with the MG6 chassis that was designed by engineers in Britain to make the most of British roads.

MG's scheme is operated in partnership with ALD Automotive which recently acquired Lombard Vehicle Contracts.

Prices start from as little as £210 a month on an MG6 GT DTi-TECH model is S-level trim up to £240 a month for the top-of-the-range MG6 DTi-TECH.

The prices are valid until the end of the second quarter of 2013 and are based on 35 monthly rental payments on a 30,000-mile contract. The one-off first payment on an S-trim MG6 GT DTi-TECH is £630 and £720 for the range-topping Magnette.

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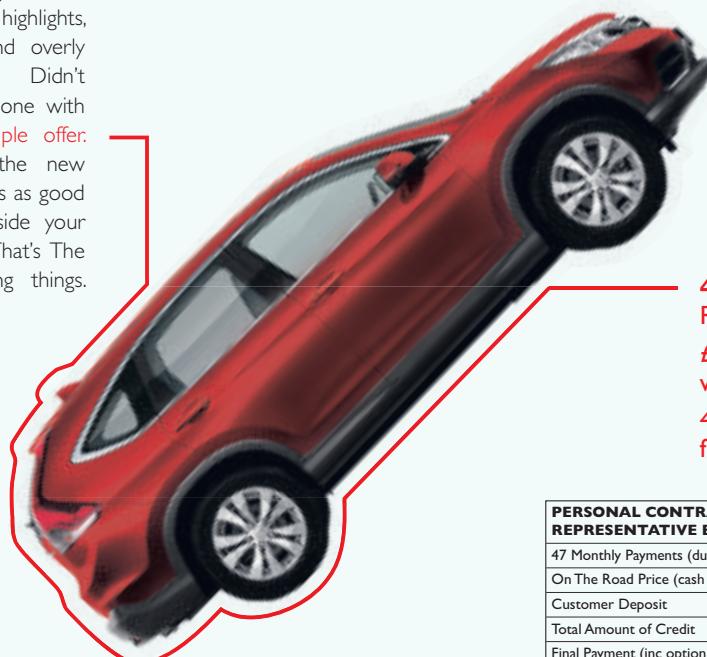
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## Exciting day for Pitmen

HEDNESFORD TOWN boss Rob Smith is excited over a big match in the Pitmen's title quest.

Leaders North Ferriby United are at Keys Park in a Evo-Stik Northern Premier Division game on Saturday.

He said: "The game has a massive feel to it and I'm sure the day will be a great occasion for both sets of players, management and supporters.

"We are real contenders to win the league this season and a victory against North Ferriby would be huge.

"We are an attacking team and can't set out any way other than to go for the win."

"We undoubtedly have players who can raise their games against top opposition."

**Last-gasp equaliser for firsts**



Willenhall seconds halt Shrewsbury's Ben Tomkinson, but went down 21-5 away. However, the firsts beat Shrewsbury 19-0.

# Wood shows Walsall the way

### Walsall 26 Stratford 14

WALSALL found it hard to convert pressure into points as the opening 10 minutes saw them create three scoring chances.

They were missed as passes were not given or the ball was kicked instead of being passed and Matt Wood kicked a 25-metre penalty – the first of six by the fly-half in this Midlands One West encounter.

During a Benson sinbin Jo Cook cut through to score from 20 metres out. Young's conversion gave Stratford an unlikely lead at the half-hour.

Stratford conceded a penalty which Wood duly landed, but the half ended as Walsall scored the best try seen at Delves Road this season. Prop forward Simon Weaver won

### Rugby union

possession on the Walsall line and a quick pass to Greenslade saw him make the first break, flanker Max Hughes was in support and their it was onto Wood.

The fly-half found captain Steve Halbert and full-back Chris Mould had the ball before centre Roger Weston carried it on.

With 20 metres to go young winger Greenslade had too much speed and dived over Wood's conversion gave a 13-7 interval lead and after the break he found Mould. The full-back was hauled down a meter from the try line but right-winger Paul Nayler gathered and squirmed over.

Wood added another difficult conversion.

A couple of quickly-taken penalties saw visitors' centre Sam Kirby get a try which Young converted. Walsall's back row were ably supported by Benson, Fitzgerald and Alex Hawthorn – the latter in his last game before joining the England Colleges squad for forthcoming internationals.

The final score was Matt Wood's 25m drop goal. It is a pity that an early season injury has restricted him to just nine appearances so far this season.

This Saturday Walsall play their rearranged game against Northwich at Delves Road. It is hoped that the game can kick off at 2.30pm.

Players and spectators can then watch the Six Nations decider from Cardiff.

**Under-17 team take honours in semi-final**

### Old Yarleians U17 0

### Walsall U17 22

WALSALL'S under-17s took a National Plate semi-final victory at Old Yarleians.

Despite the scoreline, the sides were evenly matched in terms of possession and territory for most of the first half and Walsall had to work hard for their breakthrough.

Flanker Zach Bland managed to pierce the defence to open the scoring.

Walsall increased the lead when Josh Pepper's clever dummy pass enabled him to glide through for the touch-down. Connor Pitt added the conversion for 12-0.

The visitors had more control during the second half as the opposition began to tire. Walsall's defence remained strong and their attack came to the fore with two more tries.

A first came after a scrum when Josh Townrow showed the opposition a clean pair of heels. Finally, front row forward Danny Maynard scored following a strong forward drive.

Walsall under-13s had a fine 32-20 win at Stoke, scoring six tries.

Rhys Goddu and Jamie Harding bagged two apiece, the latter adding a conversion, while Nico Watkins and Sam Garbett also crossed.

**League title is won with match to go**

WOOD GREEN A clinched the Walsall Table-tennis League Division One title with a match to spare.

Led by 'most wins' player Ryan Fellows, they beat Wyrley C 6-4 and Wyrley A 9-1. The second-place fight will go to the wire between Vic Park B and Vic Park A.

Vic Park B, who have a four-point advantage, entertain Wood Green C. Vic Park A travel to Wood Green D. Mid-tables jostle for fourth and fifth position.

Wood Green C, with Parmander Singh in fine form, may be marginal favourites.

At the bottom Wood Green D and Wyrley A are relegated – the fate of Wood Green D, promoted last season, emphasises the gap in class between divisions.

The league's presentation/quiz night is being held on June 14 at Aldridge Social Club. Call Dorothy Barrell on 01922 453236 for ticket details.

# Spirited Saddlers a match for the best

### Swindon 2 Walsall 2

#### WELL, who would have thought it?

As autumn turned into winter, League One teams were queuing up to take a bite out of Dean Smith's Walsall, writes Martin Swain.

As winter turns to spring, they are now the team no-one wants to face. Seriously.

The Saddlers are so full of beans there's not a League One outfit which will relish trying to keep them quiet.

Swindon, arguably the strongest team in the division, were the latest opposition to feel the impact of a Walsall team which simply kept coming at you.

Kevin MacDonald, the new Swindon manager so highly-regarded around this region for his coaching expertise, jumped down the throat of a local reporter who earlier in the week suggested his promotion-chasers would be tackling no-hoppers.

#### Enthralling

To be fair to the hock, that assessment was based on Walsall soundly beaten by Swindon at the Banks's Stadium during the team's 16-game winless run.

But MacDonald's warnings were brought vividly to life as Walsall finished this enthralling contest with a strong case for having been the better side and certainly the one more likely to win the game. The momentum driving them seems irresistible.

True, the manager will be wary of his players' energy levels because they put an awful lot into this game at the County Ground and he has a small pool of players.

Nevertheless, this is a team currently discovering why professional football can be the best job on the planet – they play without inhibitions and with a terrific camaraderie writ large all over the squad.

They thoroughly earned their point against Swindon, a club now returning to its own normality after the "management by hand grenade" of the Paolo Di Canio era.



Tommy Miller brings down Febian Brandy for a crucial Walsall penalty



James Chambers and Gary Roberts get in a bit of a tangle

## Football results

### Lichfield & Walsall

Ask Motors Premier: B'Wood St Matthews 3 Farmar Johns 2.

Red Dripping Tuttons League 1: Heslop Arms 0 AFC Bush 11; Park Tavern 5 AC Lions 0; Trident 1 Rushall 0.

Stretton Pavillion 2: Dosthill Rgs 0 Duke of Wellington 2; Paradise Lounge 1 B'ills Comm Cots 4; Ross Park 1; Shrewsbury 1; Shrewsbury 2; Shire Oak 1 Cannon Wood 1.

Computa-Tec League 3: B'Wood Dragons 2 B'Wood Dragons A 2; Group D 10; Shire Oak 5 Evington Star 7.

Glen Skett 1; Seven Fins Green Rock Tavern 8; Freemans B 2.

H' Boston Cup Semi Final: Trent Valley Rovers 1; Cellar Door 1.

Sam Kimberley Cup Semi Final: Victoria 3 Wyreley Juniors 2.

Lichfield Charity Cup Round 4: Hoppe & Anchor 1 Lichfield Social A 8.

MacDonald will look to harness the positive remnants of his volatile predecessor's obsession with the beautiful game while he adds his own influences – but there was no doubt the quality of challenge Walsall supplied here.

And yet, even by the time they fell behind to a freakish opening goal, they had already served notice of their intent as Jamie Patterson and the increasingly impressive Andy Taylor picked apart Swindon's right flank while Will Grigg and Febian Brandy provided thrust in support.

Indeed, Brandy and a Craig Westcarr/Paterson double miss had already been logged before Andy Williams enjoyed the most fortuitous deflection off Paul

Downing's attempted interception of his cross-cum-shot for the ball to leap up mischievously over Aaron McCarey's reach.

But that was the prelude to the first of two impressive phases from Smith's outfit, levelling from the penalty spot after half-an-hour and repeatedly unhinging Swindon with the verve of their approach play.

Will Grigg, inevitably, converted the spot-kick awarded against Tommy Miller for a challenge on Brandy – and a terrific penalty it was, deposited too far into the keeper's right-hand corner for Wes Foderingham to reach, despite guessing correctly.

Swindon's second-half response was

forceful and then we saw another example of Smith's team – composed and organised

defending. But throughout it all, the driving force of this team continues to be Adam Chambers, ably assisted by Sam Mantom, a force so invigorating that when Simon Perry took advantage of a McCarey blemish to restore Walsall's lead on 80 minutes, you still sensed the Saddlers were not finished.

Either side of that, referee Darren Drysdale refused Walsall strong claims for a second penalty while Paterson missed from close range. But with 90 minutes on the clock, a fine move down the left put Ashley Hemmings clear to deliver a searching cross headed home at the far post by Paterson.

It was a striking symbol of Walsall's unquenchable spirit which may yet lead them to even greater heights.

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**Gethin sets date to defend new title**

**BOXER** Martin Gethin will make the first defence of his British lightweight title against Tommy Coyle at Walsall Town Hall on Friday April 26.

Walsall's Gethin won the vacant belt at his hometown venue in January with a ninth-round stoppage of Ben Murphy, after a toe-to-toe battle.

And the new champion has picked WBC International Silver and Central Area winner Coyle for his voluntary defence towards a Lonsdale belt.

The two were supposed to meet for the English title, which Gethin has held twice, in September, mooted for Coyle's hometown of Hull.

#### Travel

Gethin instead chased a Commonwealth title shot and eventually landed a crack at a world ranking, winning the IBF International crown that month.

Then came his British title chance. Coyle will get the same opportunity, but the challenger must travel to the holder's back yard, with the show likely to be televised on BoxNation.

Midlands cruiserweight champion Christopher Keane, from Walsall, heads the under-card along with British welterweight title challenger Jason Welborn.

Rowley Regis' Welborn topped the bill when Gethin became British champion, in his unsuccessful attempt to wrest the title from Birmingham's Frankie Gavin.

Cannock's Dave Egan, the unbeaten welterweight and former Chasetown footballer, is also slated to appear and picked up his fifth professional victory on Saturday night.

Stafford's unbeaten middleweight Grant Cunningham, of Moss Pit, and West Brom's Tom Stokes, making his professional debut, have also been lined up.

**Cup exit is price for penalty tally**

**ESSINGTON** 6 St Leonard's 15 ESSINGTON had just two penalties to show in a nine-point defeat in the Rubery Open Cup.

Poor pitch conditions saw both sides give away early penalties.

The visitors eventually settled down and led 9-0 at the interval through three Carl Butler penalties.

He slotted two more in the second period to balance two successful efforts for the home side.

**Pics bounce back to keep play-off hopes alive**

**RUSHALL OLYMPIC** bounced back to keep alive their hopes of an Evo-Stik Northern Premier play-off place.

They fell behind against relegation-threatened Grantham Town but claimed victory at Dales Lane thanks to an Ahmed Obeng equaliser and a second-half brace from Josh Craddock.

It seemed to be going awry for the hosts on 18 minutes when Grantham's Ameka Nwadike looped a high ball from the left channel into the area from 35 yards out.

However, as keeper Chris Gemmell flapped under pressure from Greg Smith, the ball sailed over the stopper and dropped

**Rushall Oly 3 Grantham T 1**

into the back of the net. Straight from the restart a good through ball sent Dave Walker darting clear down the right.

The Pics top scorer cut dangerously into the box, only to see keeper Jake Turner make a good block to deny him.

In the very next phase of play Olympic worked the ball forward, and on this occasion Walker's strike partner Obeng was denied by yet another telling stop by the Town keeper.

Kyle Haynes delivered the resulting corner from the left and it was met by Sam

Smith who flashed a header straight into the waiting arms of Turner.

Obeng then hit the crossbar after being fed in by Walker and the ball rebounded to safety.

But Obeng levelled the match four minutes before half-time when he probed into the box and unleashed an unstoppable drive.

On the hour mark, Pics went in front when Craddock reacted quickest to a Kyle Haynes cross and drilled a clinical finish past Turner.

Haynes was then denied a goal when he put the ball in the net only for a colleague to

be ruled offside. Grantham responded on 66 minutes when Rhys Lewis drilled a 25-yard effort marginally over the woodwork.

But Craddock made the game safe for Pics with eight minutes remaining.

Substitute Hakeem Islam blocked an attempted clearance by Turner and the ball ran to Craddock who made no mistake with a composed finish.

In the first minute of injury time Grantham made a late raid into Rushall territory as the unmarked Lewis latched on to a centre from the left and screwed a first-time drive well wide of the left-hand upright from the edge of the penalty area.

**School team on trail to Wembley**

**FOOTBALLERS** from a Walsall school were today trying to get to Wembley.

Christ Church fought their way through local play-offs against rival schools to be named as the official representative for Walsall in The Football League Under-11 Kids Cup.

The first stage of the competition saw schools compete for the right to represent their local Football League team.

Having won the right to stand for the Saddlers, Christ Church were playing other schools representing their local Football League clubs in a bid to reach a grand final played at Wembley Stadium.

#### Chance

Christ Church were playing their regional final in Walsall today.

And if they win through, their next game will be at Wembley before the League One play-off final on May 19.

Still with an outside chance of joining them at the famous stadium are Walsall FC themselves.

The Saddlers have mounted a late charge up the League One table and could yet slip into the League One play-off spots.

Sponsored by npower, the Football League Kids Cup is a nationwide six-a-side tournament for under-11 school children.

The competition culminates in three grand finals, one for each division, across the Football League play-off weekend in May.

Last season, more than 2,000 schools took part in the competitions with schools representing Leicester City, Brentford and Bristol Rovers winning.

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# WOOD MAY BE ABLE TO CHANNEL DEFEAT

**MARK SWANN** spoke of his pride in his Walsall Wood players after the young side's FA Vase journey came to an end.

Wood bowed out of the competition at the quarter-final stage at Guernsey FC on Saturday night, with a 3-1 defeat.

And he also believes that the disappointment of losing out in front of a record home crowd of 2,596 will drive his side forward in their bid to win promotion from the Midland Football Combination.

Tom Evans gave the Wood an early lead at Foote Lane, but strikes from Ross Allen, Glyn Dyer and Dave Rihoj won the islanders a place in the last four against Spennymoor Town.

"On the night, I think that Guernsey were the better side and fully deserved their victory," admitted Swann.

"We were a goal up and executing our game plan well, pressing them effectively, but they scored three excellent goals and I can have no complaints about the result.

#### Disappointment

"It was a very quiet dressing room after the final whistle and our lads are bitterly disappointed.

"But now they know how that feels, they won't want to repeat again this season and that will push us forward.

"For a club our size, it is an incredible achievement and I have told the lads that they should be proud of what they have done for both themselves and for this football club.

Swann also reckons they may have lost to eventual winners of the competition. Guernsey face Spennymoor in a two-legged semi-final.

"Spennymoor will be a tough test for them," he admitted.

"But on home soil, I think



**Eye on the ball for Wood skipper Lee Stretton**



**Walsall Wood on the ball during the FA Vase quarter-final replay at Guernsey which saw them bow out 3-1**

**Run sows seeds of future Vase glory**

**WALSALL WOOD**'s Wembley hopes were blown away as Guernsey came back from a goal behind.

They can look back with pride on a longest-ever run in the competition – and will be seeded into the second round for the next three seasons.

But they will be distraught at losing a Saturday night's quarter-final replay before a 2,596 crowd after dominating a 0-0 draw last week.

Wood went ahead after 16 minutes although keeper Dale Faultless had already touched a shot on to the bar.

"I genuinely hope they

**Guernsey 3 Walsall Wood 1**

Drew Aiton found Ahmet Bilgimer with a clever ball inside. He spun away from his marker and Tom Evans got to his diagonal pass before keeper Chris Tardif

to turn the ball in.

Aiton might well have doubled the lead but shot straight at home captain Sam Cochran.

The Combined Counties Premier side were level on the half-hour as Ross Allen netted his 40th goal of the season and Wood fell behind just before half-time.

Dyer eased past two defenders and curled his shot into the corner from the edge of the area.

In the second half Wood were on the back foot, but still had efforts on goal.

However, on 75 minutes the hosts sewed the game up as Dave Rihoj put the ball past the advancing keeper to make it 3-1.

**Guernsey:** Tardif, Gaill, Cochrane, Dodd, Isabelle (Zimmerman 88), Bradford (Mahon 72), Le Prevost, Heaume, Dyer, Rihoj, Allen (Hutton 84).

**Walsall Wood:** Faultless, Deakin (Murray 80), Booth, Stretton, Evans, Bilgimer, Forrest, Hawkins, Gonzales, Taylor-Boyce, Aiton.

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